

Dear Colleagues,

I invite you to read the third number of JHS for 2018. The issue starts with a review article on an interesting and almost paradoxical phenomenon in which patients with a measured hearing loss emphatically deny that they have such a loss. Denial of hearing loss is a crucial clinical practice issue in both audiology and rehabilitation, and has wider implications for medicine more generally. The following paper assesses the benefits of upgrading an active middle ear implant's audio processor, an important issue because enhancing the performance of a prosthesis may eliminate the need for additional surgical intervention. The next paper compares the hearing thresholds of children determined with auditory steady state responses (ASSRs) with those determined by auditory brainstem responses (ABRs). I believe that electrophysiological measures are a very important part of diagnosing hearing deficits – they provide one of just a few options for objectively assessing hearing – and clinicians often find they do not have enough good data for use as a reference point. There is also a paper which assesses the clinical utility of phonemically balanced word lists in the Kannada language, work which is related to some earlier papers published in JHS. Finally there is an MRI case study of a vascular anomaly of the vertebrobasilar system in a patient with mixed type vertigo.

The issue concludes with a review of a book on measurement in medicine, followed by reports of some important conferences including the 15th International Conference on Cochlear Implants and Other Implantable Auditory Technologies (CI2018), 27–30 June in Antwerp, Belgium, and the 51st European Human Genetics Conference, 16–19 June, Milan, Italy.



With kind regards and greetings,

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