

Dear colleagues,

I invite you to read the fourth number of the *Journal of Hearing Science* for 2021. We start with a reminiscence of Prof. Wieslaw Sulkowski who passed away in August this year. He will be missed not only as a great researcher but also as a great person and friend.

The issue follows with a hypothesis paper on the Sensory Examination Capsule, which is a complete system of diagnostic and therapeutic devices all contained in one universal unit, enabling the simultaneous diagnosis of most of the senses. The Capsule makes it possible to perform multiple tests at the same time and place, meaning there is no need to wait for several specialist appointments. It is intended to perform large-scale preventive examinations quickly and cheaply, a facility that could be used, for example, for screening school children.

Then this issue continues with four original papers and three case studies. The original papers relate to digital noise reduction in hearing aids, modelling of acceptable noise levels, auditory effects of personal music system use, and development of a bisyllabic phonemically balanced word test in Tamil. Three interesting case studies conclude the issue. They deal with the effect of soft tissue mobilisation on the quality of life and pain threshold of a patient with tinnitus, investigation of a procedure to measure frequency difference limen, and, in something of a detective story, tracking down postlingual sensorineural hearing loss to alteration in the *TBC1D24* gene.



With kind regards and greetings,

Prof. Henryk Skarzynski, M.D., Ph.D., Dr. h.c. multi.

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