

Dear Colleagues,

I invite you to read the fourth and final number of the *Journal of Hearing Science* for 2022. The issue consists of six original research papers and one review. The review paper is related to health-related quality of life in children suffering from otolaryngological illnesses. This showcases the trend in our field to go beyond providing basic help to the patient and extend medical care to complex help to the patient. Right now we can see many examples of patients with very serious hearing problems who, after treatment, reach very high quality of life similar to people from the general population. It is a great hope for the future that we can reach such a level for nearly all patients.

In this issue two papers are related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This topic is still important. The exact burden of COVID-19 is not determined, so we need more studies to resolve the matter. One of the studies suggests using a mobile app for monitoring hearing, and it is an approach worth considering in case of further outbreaks, when the possibility of testing in the clinic are limited.

The other studies cover some interesting topics related to auditory neuropathy spectrum disorder, hearing loss in children with tympanic membrane perforation, adhesive bone conduction systems, and development of speech recognition threshold tests.

The issue concludes with a report from the 8th Neurolaryngology Workshop on Laryngeal Electromyography, 10–11 November 2022, in Jena, Germany and includes abstracts from the III International Congress of APtA (the Associação Portuguesa de Audiologistas) in October this year.



With kind regards and greetings,

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