

Dear Colleagues,

We present to you the second issue of the *Journal of Hearing Science* for this year. The issue features a diverse array of articles that underscore the dynamic and multifaceted nature of auditory research and clinical practice.

Our review section opens with a critical examination of mobile applications designed for tinnitus assessment and therapy. As tinnitus remains a challenging condition to manage, this review synthesizes current scientific literature, offering valuable insights into the efficacy and application of mobile health solutions in improving patient outcomes. The second review focuses on the impact of adenotonsillectomy on asthma control in pediatric patients. By systematically analyzing existing studies, this paper provides evidence on the respiratory benefits of this common surgical procedure. It also underlines that further research is needed – with longer follow-up periods, case-matched controls, and consideration of seasonal factors – to improve our understanding of long-term effects.

Among our original articles, we first explore speech perception in noise among Malayalam-speaking young adults with normal hearing. This study adds another dimension to our understanding of auditory processing in diverse linguistic and cultural contexts. Another original study investigates the electrophysiological status of auditory function in noise-exposed, normal-hearing soldiers. This research underscores the subtle yet significant impacts of noise exposure on auditory health, even in individuals who may not exhibit overt hearing loss, showing changes at frequencies outside the standard test range.

The issue concludes with reports from two significant conferences that took place this year. The 15th Danube Symposium of the ORL Danube Society in Budapest, Hungary, and the 8th International Symposium on Meniere's Disease and Inner Ear Disorders in Shanghai, China, brought together leading experts to discuss the latest advancements in otorhinolaryngology.

I wish you interesting reading and thank for your continued engagement with the *Journal of Hearing Science*.



With kind regards and greetings,

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