Celebrating the beginning of international journal collaboration

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Our society, Japan Radiological Society (JRS), is collaborating with many countries' radiological society. We have leadership meetings at the occasion of large radiological congress such as RSNA (Radiological Society of North America), ECR (European Congress of Radiology), and each radiological societies' meetings. We are exchanging speakers, young fellows, posters and various information as well as promoting friendship. This year, we begin journal collaboration with Italy, France and Turkey, by exchanging review articles. Of course, even for the invited review articles, we perform the peer-review process. In this issue of the *Japanese Journal of Radiology* (JJR), the first review article from Italy "Pelvic floor dysfunctions: how to image patients?" by Francesca Iacobellis is published [1]. We would like to celebrate this memorable moment with our readers.

Journal collaboration including the exchanging manuscript is aiming not only to further increase the friendship, but also to increase awareness of each journal. Exchanging the review articles will facilitate the improvements as follows; (1) complementing each other's strengths and weaknesses, (2) by increasing the variety of the nationality of the author, increasing the number of subscribers and subscribed libraries, (3) increasing the awareness of the journal and then increasing the number of citations and (4) by further increase the awareness of the journal, further increasing in the number of submissions of high-quality original articles.

In these years, we have been trying to further improve the quality of JJR (or make the quality of JJR much better) by various efforts. For example, we are gathering the papers with high readers' interest such as AI (artificial intelligence) [2–9]. We are intending to provide novel information, the

results of high-quality scientific and clinical studies, and up-to-date useful educational information to all readers, ultimately serving to the people's health care. All these efforts including the journal collaboration with exchanging manuscripts may also increase the impact factor (IF). An increase in IF should be a secondary product of journal improvements and not the ultimate goal. However, if good papers are gathered in the journal due to the increase in IF and our readers can have better services, we think that it may be possible to temporarily set the increase in the impact factor as one of the measures.

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