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Since the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Asia Pacific Aesthetic Sciences (JAPA)*, the editorial board has received very encouraging support from aesthetic, pharmaceutical and regenerative communities, including the *Medical Aesthetic Division, Ministry of Health, Malaysia*. There were manuscripts submitted not only from Malaysia but also from other countries such as Turkey and the Philippines. These manuscripts encompass wide-ranging topics on aesthetic, pharmaceutical and regenerative medicine with data from wards, clinics, laboratories, and households in different types of communities.

As JAPA grows from infancy to early childhood, we aspire to strengthen the scientific rigour of the manuscripts. We should take pride that our empirical work can withstand the scrutiny of critical reviews from within and outside the country. In the same spirit of upgrading ourselves, we should also work towards attracting more articles from abroad, especially from the Asia Pacific region.

It is our aspiration for the journal to be indexed locally and internationally. To begin with, we are glad to announce that recently JAPA was accepted to be included in MyCite (Malaysia Citation portal) and hopefully by other worldwide reputable organisations in the future. We realise there is still a great deal of work needed to build up the scientific worthiness and timeliness of the journal, among other imperatives. We need to set our vision on the high value of being placed on citations of publications in the world ranking as citations imply our data is worth quoting and indicate that the authors are prepared to defend the intellectual content of their manuscript.

On behalf of the editorial board, I wish to convey my appreciation to all authors, reviewers and JAPA secretariat staff who have given their support towards the success of this publication.

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