

Message from new Editor-in-Chief
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I am now delighted that Reproductive Medicine and Biology (RMB) will be starting Open Access Journal in January 2017. It has been 15 years since RMB was launched as the official journal of the Japan Society for Reproductive Medicine, the Japan Society of Fertilization and Implantation, the Japan Society of Andrology in 2002. In 2016, the Asian Society of Endometriosis and Adenomyosis also jointed our Journal. RMB is an internationally peer-reviewed journal that includes original research articles, review papers, and case reports on a broad range of subjects related to the female/male reproductive system. I believe that our journal is making a progress. Currently, about 25-30 articles have been published per year. A number of excellent original papers and review papers have been published so far, and we are sure that our journal plays an important role among the many journals in the field of reproductive medicine and biology, even if it is only a small part of the whole. However, the number of submissions did not increase in these 10 years. After the first printed issue of RMB in 2002, submissions mainly come from Japan (domestic). We are afraid that RMB may not be well known in other countries. Therefore, the first thing we have to do is to spread the awareness of RMB, and for further development of RMB, we decided that our journal becomes an Open Access Journal from January 2017. Open access publishing was also supported by most of the members in the Japan Society for Reproductive Medicine, the Japan Society of Fertilization and Implantation, the Japan Society of Andrology, and Asian Society of Endometriosis and Adenomyosis

We hope that the number of not only submissions but also full-text downloads will increase greatly after becoming an Open Access Journal. In addition, we will take efforts for many researchers and clinicians to have a high interest in the original and review articles published in RMB, hopefully resulting in the increase in submissions from all over the world. Our emerging role is to present cutting-edge information as an international opinion leader in the field of reproductive medicine.

It is a pleasure to invite you to contribute a review or an original research article to RMB. Authors and readers with their interest in reproductive medicine are welcome. We would appreciate it if you could

refer RMB to your colleagues and other contacts in the field. I welcome submissions not only from our membership, but also from non-members around the world.

I will work hard toward the achievement of our goals together with new editors. We all look forward to receiving submissions from all over the world.



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