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Today we have excellent news.

*Reproductive Medicine and Biology* (RMB) has finally been given an impact factor (IF). The IF for RMB is 3.239, which is ranked at 15/30 in the Reproductive Biology category and 28/83 in the Obstetrics and Gynecology category. This would have never happened without the support from you. We would like to express our most sincere gratitude.

RMB was born in 2002 as the official journal for the Japan Society for Reproductive Medicine, the Japan Society of Fertilization and Implantation, and the Japan Society of Andrology. The Asian Society of Endometriosis and Adenomyosis joined in 2016, and in 2020, the Japan Society for Ova Research joined. The great turning point for RMB was when it became an open access journal in January 2017, thanks to the great efforts of Dr. Hiroshi Imai, the former editor-in-chief. Since then, people from around the world became able to freely read papers published on RMB. From the end of 2017, RMB was included in PubMed Central, allowing for papers published on RMB to be included in PubMed searches, and the number of downloads dramatically increased. RMB's recognition increased, citation in other journals became more frequent and in June 2021, we finally got an IF of 3.239. The numbers of submitted/accepted papers are steadily growing, and today, we issue four journals with around 50-60 excellent original papers and review articles per year. Every paper that has been published on RMB since its birth in 2002 can be searched on PubMed.

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With more than 440,000 cycles of treatment using assisted reproductive technology (ART) per year, Japan is the world's largest nation in terms of reproductive medicine. It is an important mission for us reproductive medicine practitioners and researchers to further advance both research and clinical application in this field and to disseminate information globally. I believe that the further advancement of RMB, a means of communication from Japan, is important to enable Japan to lead the world in reproductive medicine. We would like to ask for your continued support for RMB to develop into one of the world's leading reproductive medicine international journals published in English.

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