

INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

AIMS AND SCOPE

The Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology is the official journal of the Indian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologists (IAOMFP) that publishes scientific papers relating to the aetiology, pathogenesis, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of all diseases and disorders of the oral and maxillofacial area including periodontium, teeth, temporomandibular joints, oral mucosa, jaws, facial bones, facial skin, salivary glands and lymph nodes. Papers may also include well designed and controlled clinical research and analytical epidemiology involving the basic sciences, natural history of oral and extraoral tumours, cancer and pre cancer, basic pathology, metastatic mechanisms, cellular and molecular markers for diagnosis and prognosis, oncogenes, viruses, growth factors, and advances in imaging and other functional diagnostic modalities of oral lesions.

No branch of learning of dentistry and medicine is excluded but the stress will obviously be on oral pathology, oral microbiology, oral medicine, oral physiology and biochemistry, and related clinical sciences. Studies involving *in vitro* or *in vivo* model systems in experimental animals will also be accepted, if they have clear bearing into the insight of pathogenesis and/or management of disease. Review articles, reports of meetings, book reviews and correspondence in the form of letters to the editor can also be submitted.

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Ten Gate, A. R. (1996). Oral Histology: Development, Structure and Function. (5th ed.). Missouri: Mosby-Year Book, Inc.

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Cawson, R. A., Binnie, W. H., Speight, P M, Barrett, A W., & Wright, J. M. (1998). Lucas's Pathology of Tumours of the Oral Tissues (5th ed.). London Churchill Livingstone.

Book. Edited collections

Jones, J. H., & Mason, D. K. (Eds.). (1980). Oral Manifestations of Systemic Disease. London: W. B. Saunders Company Ltd.

Book, article or chapter in an edited book

Scully, C., & Lehner, T. (1980). Disorders of Immunity. In Jones, J. H., & Mason, D. K (Eds.), Oral Manifestations of Systemic Disease (pp. 102-174). London: W. B. Saunders Company Ltd.

Journal Article, single author

Waldron, C. A. (1993). Fibro-osseous lesions of the jaws. J Oral Maxillofac Surg,51 828-835

Journal Article, more than one author

Bowden, J.R., Scully C., Eveson, J. W., Flint, S., Herman, R. R. M., & Janus, S. K (1990). Multiple myeloma and bullous lichenoid lesions: an unusual association. Oral Surg Oral Med Oral Pathol 70, 587-589.

Book or article with no author or editor named Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary (10th ed.). (1993) Springfield, MA: Merriam Webster.

Dissertation or thesis:

Wade WG (1969). The effects of local antimicrobial and mechanical therapy on the subgingival microflora in chronic periodontitis. PhD Thesis, University of Wales.

Editorials or unpublished letters

Oliver, R. (1998). Misunderstanding of MIB1. [Letter to the editor]. Oral Oncol. 34. p.75.

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