

Letter from the editor

It is my pleasure to welcome you to **Volume 36, Issue 3** of the Journal of Pakistan Association of Dermatologists (JPAD). I believe the growth of a journal happens through the questions its contributors are willing to ask, the observations they take time to record, and the care with which their work is reviewed and shared. In this third issue of the Journal of Pakistan Association of Dermatologists, we bring you original articles and case reports that reflect the breadth of our specialty and address the ongoing dermatological challenges. Each offers an opportunity to learn from our colleagues and to look again at our own clinical decisions.



We have also been creating new spaces for learning within JPAD. **Our first issue introduced the JPAD Clinical Composite Image Gallery**, bringing together clinical images that teach through careful observation. **The second brought the Dermoscopy Image Gallery**, recognising the growing role of dermoscopy in everyday practice. These galleries give a place to the visual knowledge gained over a glance that dermatologists build over years of seeing patients and a treat to watch.

With this issue, we take another step forward by introducing Auditoscope, our new section for clinical audits.

An audit begins with a question many of us have asked in a busy clinic: Are we providing the standard of care we intend to provide? Looking honestly at our practice, identifying gaps, and making changes can be as valuable to patients as discovering something new. I hope Auditoscope encourages departments to share that work, including what they learn when improvement proves difficult.

Behind each issue are many hours that readers never see. Authors return to their manuscripts; reviewers give their expertise and time; and our editorial team works through difficult decisions, revisions, and countless details before an article reaches publication. I am deeply grateful to the colleagues who have helped shape these new sections while caring for the quality of the journal as a whole. Their commitment gives me confidence in what JPAD can become.

Our ambition is to see JPAD read and respected well beyond Pakistan, while remaining firmly connected to the clinical questions that matter here. **We have taken a meaningful step by enabling DOI registration through Crossref, making our published work easier to identify, cite, and find.** Our **next goal is inclusion in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)**. Reaching that goal calls for continued attention to the quality of our research, the clarity of our editorial policies, and the trust readers and authors place in us. Following our goal of inclusion in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), we aspire to earn a place in the Web of Science Core Collection and, in time, a Journal Impact Factor. We see these not simply as milestones of recognition, but as reasons to keep strengthening the quality, integrity, and international reach of the work we publish.

That future belongs to our wider dermatology community. I warmly invite dermatologists and trainees across Pakistan, in both public and private practice, to bring JPAD their strongest research, carefully documented cases, illuminating images, and thoughtful clinical audits. Good work may begin in a university department, a district hospital, or a clinic where someone notices a question worth pursuing. Wherever it begins, we want to help bring it to readers with the rigour it deserves.

I hope you find this issue useful in your practice and encouraging in your own academic work. With your contributions, careful review, and continued trust, we can take JPAD further with every issue.

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