JJCO Relaunched Monthly

As the Editor of the Japanese Journal of Clinical Oncology (JJCO), I am pleased to announce that there have been several major developments in our journal from volume 28 this year.

First of all, the journal now will be published monthly. We have made this decision to meet the growing number of submissions not only from Japan, but from many other cancer centers around the world, especially Asian countries. We hope, by becoming monthly, that we can keep our reputation of rapid reviewing and publication and serve the community of cancer research more efficiently. We thus invite all researchers, physicians and surgeons in this field to submit manuscripts to our journal.

The relaunched journal features some new sections and an improved format of the table of contents. For example, in the ‘Protocol for Clinical Trials’ section, such important protocols as those approved by the Japan Clinical Oncology Group, the largest clinical cooperative cancer research group in Japan, will be published regularly. Our new contents pages now include a short abstract of each paper, so that by browsing them readers can assess quickly which papers are of interest.

What is more, our journal will advance our existing collaboration with the Journal of the National Cancer Institute (JNCI) much further. This is a natural development, as the JJCO has its Editorial Office in the National Cancer Center, Tokyo, Japan’s counterpart to the NCI. Publication of exchanged information between the two journals is planned. The table of contents from the JNCI, consensus documents, news, guidelines, and reports of randomized trials from the NCI are the examples which will be included in the JJCO. In exchange, JJCO’s full table of contents will be published in the JNCI.

In addition, JJCO will strengthen its standing as the first and only fully online medical journal from Japan. JJCO online will then be linked directly to sources of cancer information world wide. I hope by doing this we can take the trans-Pacific initiative for such networking for the coming century.

I hope the new JJCO will serve as a central organ for clinical oncology and that readers will enjoy it even more.

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