



Greetings from the Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Cutaneous Immunology and Allergy* (JCIA)



It is my great honor and pleasure to serve as the first Editor-in-Chief of JCIA. JCIA is the official journal of the Japanese Society for Cutaneous Immunology and Allergy (JSCIA), which now comprises more than 1750 members. I assumed the office of President of the JSCIA in December 2017. During the establishment of the JSCIA, there have been several mergers. The biggest amalgamation was performed in 2007 between the Japanese Society for Dermatoallergology (established in 1991 from the former study group initiated in 1972) and the Japanese Society for Contact Dermatitis (established in 1989 from the former study group initiated in 1976), and then, the Japanese Society for Dermatoallergology and Contact Dermatitis was launched. In 2017, Cutaneous Vasculopathy and Collagen Disease Scientific Group was further merged into the society to establish the JSCIA.

Considering its establishment process, the JSCIA has a 45-year-old history from the beginning, and many dermatologists and researchers enthusiastic to cutaneous allergy have contributed to the amalgamation. I believe that the success of this combination will lead to firm establishment of the status of the JSCIA by extending the clinical and research fields of the society. We have endeavored

to establish the eight prioritizing scientific divisions, including contact dermatitis, atopic dermatitis, urticarial/mast cell, drug eruption, food allergy, occupational allergy, collagen disease/rheumatism, and basic research. Each branch committee plans to participate in the programming of the annual meeting and to hold annual seminars especially for young doctors. The scientific division groups also provide information on new drugs and guidelines and deal with emergency events evoked by drugs and chemicals.

In parallel with the establishment of JSCIA, JCIA has been launched as international cutaneous immunology and allergy journal. We take the coalescing opportunity for our official journal to be an English international journal from the present Japanese one. In accordance with the above prioritizing scientific fields, we would like to publish articles encompassing a wide variety of fields. The JCIA is an online open access journal (<https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jcia>), and the members of JSCIA take an advantage to publish their articles with a discount fee. For discounting, authors need their membership ID number. If you forget it, the JCIA Office (jcia@hama-med.ac.jp) would inform you of it. We are launching the JCIA in March 2018, and bimonthly publication is planned. I, as the Editor-in-Chief of JSCIA, would like you to submit Review Article, Regular Article, and Letter-to-the-Editor Articles (including Case Report) to the JCIA. The current JDS features include fast publication policy.

With the esteemed oversea JCIA Board Members, we aim at acquisition of Impact Factor preferably within a couple of years. The success of JSCIA thoroughly depends on your contribution and support. Your active participation is greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to receiving more of your interesting and high-quality research articles.

Sincerely,

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