

## Editor's Message

The Pakistan Orthodontic Journal (POJ) continues to elevate its academic standing through strategic quality enhancements, including an expanded network of international reviewers, dedicated orthodontics and allied literature, and specialized medical educationists in our peer-review framework. Crucially, we are currently in the process of acquiring Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) for all published articles to secure permanent digital indexing and improve citation tracking, with our next vital milestone being registration across leading international search engines. These structural advancements ensure that the journal remains a premier, highly rigorous platform for cutting-edge orthodontic scholarship, both within Pakistan and on the international stage, as we continue to address emerging clinical and academic frontiers.

Concurrently, the rise of Generative AI offers immense workflow benefits, yet raises critical concerns regarding over-reliance on automation and long-term biological predictability. The shift toward digital workflows demands strict e-professionalism and data security, ensuring that commercial, direct-to-consumer models never bypass qualified specialist oversight. As a scientific beacon, POJ actively invites rigorous, evidence-based research on these emerging frontiers to ensure tomorrow's technology remains firmly grounded in patient safety.

We extend our appreciation to the editors, reviewers, and contributors whose dedication makes the Pakistan Orthodontic Journal an exemplary platform for advancing knowledge and professional excellence. Together, we continue to shape the future of orthodontics in Pakistan and beyond.

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