

Editor's Message

The Pakistan Orthodontic Journal (POJ) continues to strengthen its academic rigor, global relevance, and professional impact. Over the past year, we have witnessed significant enhancements in the journal's quality, driven by strategic initiatives including the incorporation of more international reviewers, the inclusion of dental education articles, the appointment of medical educationists as peer reviewers, and a more robust peer-review process. These efforts reflect our commitment to ensuring that the POJ remains a leading platform for orthodontic scholarship, both nationally and internationally.

A highlight of 2025 in the orthodontic community was the 11th International Orthodontic Conference, organized by the Pakistan Association of Orthodontists (PAO) in Islamabad. This landmark event, held under the patronage of Prof. Ambreen Afzal (Vice President CPSP), the leadership of Prof. Saad Asad (President PAO & Principal, College of Dentistry, RIHS), and the guidance of Prof. Amra Minhas Abid (General Secretary PAO), demonstrated the growing stature of Pakistan in regional and global orthodontics. The conference featured pre- and post-conference workshops, e-poster presentations, and lectures by distinguished national and international speakers, attracting orthodontists, postgraduate trainees, and dental professionals from across Pakistan.

The event's academic excellence was reinforced by high-quality workshops, active participation from all corners of Pakistan, and engagement with global experts, reflecting the PAO's commitment to advancing orthodontic knowledge and practice. Dignitaries from KRL Hospital, as well as deans and principals from leading dental institutions nationwide, lauded the efforts of the PAO Council 2025 in organizing a truly inclusive and intellectually stimulating event. The conference's success also aligns with POJ's mission, emphasizing the importance of global collaboration, evidence-based practice, and professional development in orthodontics.

The linkage between PAO conferences and the POJ is profound. Conferences serve as incubators for cutting-edge research, case studies, and innovative clinical practices, many of which find their way into the journal, enhancing its scientific and practical relevance. With the 11th International Orthodontic Conference contributing a wealth of scholarly discourse, the journal is uniquely positioned to publish high-quality, internationally-relevant content that reflects both local innovation and global trends.

As we move forward, POJ remains dedicated to promoting research excellence, fostering international collaborations, and supporting orthodontic professionals at all stages of their careers. The integration of rigorous peer review, international perspectives, and multidisciplinary insights ensures that the journal not only documents the growth of orthodontics in Pakistan but also contributes meaningfully to the global orthodontic community.

We extend our appreciation to the organizers, speakers, delegates, and reviewers whose dedication makes both the PAO conferences and the Pakistan Orthodontic Journal exemplary platforms for advancing knowledge and professional excellence. Together, we continue to shape the future of orthodontics in Pakistan and beyond.

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