

A shift of focus?

Dear Readers,

When the *Journal of Adhesive Dentistry* was initiated in 1999, adhesive dentistry meant mainly bonding resins to enamel and dentin. Bonding to restorative materials at that time was mainly restricted to glass-based ceramics used for veneers or inlays. This is well reflected in the tables of contents from 1999 and 2000. Of the 56 papers published in the first 2 years, 70% dealt with bonding to tooth structures, while 17% were clinical reports, and only 4% reported bonding to restorative materials. This filled only part of the intended scope of the *Journal of Adhesive Dentistry*. We saw adhesion in much more general terms and stated at that time: “The *Journal of Adhesive Dentistry* publishes scientifically sound articles of interest to practitioners and researchers in the field of adhesion to hard and soft dental tissues.”

Looking at the 65 papers published this year (2014), we can see that the picture is radically different. 45% of the publications report about bonding to restorative materials, while bonding to tooth tissue was the topic of only 31% of the papers. 4% were clinical studies. This clearly demonstrates the progress of adhesive dentistry. By knowing how to bond reliably to restorative materials, we are able to expand our clinical options, including minimally invasive bonded indirect restorations. I hope

to see more clinical studies dealing with this topic in the future (authors, please remember that clinical studies have priority in the publication pipeline, once they are accepted).

I personally wish to be able to report on the third main topic of adhesive dentistry in the future: adhesion to soft tissues. This was outlined as stated above in the initial objectives of the *Journal of Adhesive Dentistry*, but it has never received much attention. I personally see dentistry dealing more and more with biological topics, and therefore I hope that researchers will look into all the variables dealing with adhesion of soft tissue to restorative materials. This is interesting for all restorations which are placed subgingivally as well as for all implants or abutments, which per se are in contact with soft tissues.

By heading in this direction, the *Journal of Adhesive Dentistry* will be able to improve its standing in the ranking of scientific journals relevant to practitioners.

Sincerely yours,



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