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Research in Esthetic Dentistry

When we submitted our request to be indexed in MEDLINE, one of the concerns raised by the committee of the National Institutes of Health was the possible lack of research articles in *The European Journal of Esthetic Dentistry*. Over the past few years, we have tried to find a balance of clinically-related and research-based articles to publish. The number of submitted manuscripts has increased over time and the percentage with clinical and laboratory-based research has reached an important level. The research topics include all fields of dentistry (eg, material science, periodontology, orthodontics, implantology, prosthodontics) and in addition also psychology and ethology, which both play an important role in the perceptions of our patients and ourselves. The field for research related to

esthetic dentistry is growing, and as clinicians we will benefit from these efforts to offer our patients esthetic treatment options backed by sound evidence.

In this issue we have set the focus on research, with four articles out of six presenting topics relating to color measurement and dental bleaching.

Enjoy reading!

Sincerely, *Alessandro Devigus*

PS: *EAED Research Competition*

The European Academy of Esthetic Dentistry is proud to announce their 5th EAED Research Competition, sponsored by Biomet 3i, Spain. Clinicians and researchers are cordially invited to submit articles related to the field of esthetic dentistry. More information can be found at <http://www.eaed.org/>.

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