

Dear Colleagues,

I invite you to read the first number of JHS for 2019. The issue starts with a review paper on hearing impairment in oculoauriculovertebral dysplasia, commonly known as Goldenhar syndrome. Then follow papers on the outcomes of stapes surgery for treatment of otosclerosis and the assessment of academic achievements of children with cochlear implants at the end of their primary education in Poland. The latter topic is especially interesting as school results are a good indirect measure of the success of cochlear implantation. Since the primary purpose of an implant is to give the recipient the same opportunities in life as normally hearing people, the good results in school performance show that the CI procedure can indeed be regarded as successful. The issue also contains interesting case studies of osteogenesis imperfecta and of craniofacial injury caused by a circular saw. The issue concludes with a report from last year's VII Audiology conference and XI workshop, "Audiology in the Digital Era", in Porto, Portugal.



With kind regards and greetings,

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