

Dear Colleagues,

We present to you the first issue of the *Journal of Hearing Science* for this year. Its release was slightly delayed due to extensive work we started towards the end of last year, which has involved indexing the journal in the Scopus and DOAJ databases as well as with Web of Science and Pubmed's Medline. As a result of this work, in recent months we have modified the *Journal of Hearing Science* website and become a member of Crossref. We have also adopted the iThenticate anti-plagiarism system. It is a pleasure to announce that we have now become the official journal of The Society of Polish Otorhinolaryngologists, Phoniatrists, and Audiologists (TOFAP, Towarzystwo Otolaryngologów, Foniatrów i Audiologów Polskich).



This number starts with a review paper on the importance of the early diagnosis and treatment of hearing impairment due to bacterial meningitis in children. It is followed by a paper which proposes how the International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health (approved by the World Health Organization in 2001) can be used to support the holistic rehabilitation of cochlear implant recipients. Other papers are related to voice quality in Polish children with vocal fold nodules, a survey of the training and knowledge of newborn hearing screening among nurses in Indian hospitals, and the auditory memory of children with developmental language disorder.

With kind regards and greetings,

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