

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to present to you the third issue of the *Journal of Hearing Science* for this year. In this issue, the main focus is on tinnitus. We have three original papers relating to tinnitus as well as a set of abstracts for the XIII International Tinnitus Seminar and the 2nd World Tinnitus Congress, which take place in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on 11–12 September 2023. These events provide an unparalleled platform to share knowledge, exchange insights, and foster connections which drive progress in the field. Many aspects of tinnitus are still a puzzle, and many people are working very hard to solve them. The best way forward, I believe, is to approach the subject through collaboration and shared expertise.



The three papers on tinnitus presented here make interesting reading. The first is devoted to a Turkish version of the Skarzynski Tinnitus Scale, and it investigates the validity and reliability of the scale in this population. I regard it as very important to have international versions of tools for tinnitus assessment. Multiple versions make it possible to compare results from different countries and can therefore form the basis for future meta-analyses. Incidentally, the Turkish version is the second adaptation of this tool, since there is also a Brazilian Portuguese version by Sanfins et al. [1]. The other papers related to tinnitus are one which describes the effects on tinnitus of physiotherapy of the neck, and another which has studied the incidence of tinnitus in children with auditory processing disorders.

The last original paper deals with a completely different topic – evaluation of hearing impairment in patients with Down syndrome. There were a range of obstacles to testing the hearing of these subjects, who were both children and adults, and this paper makes some interesting suggestions.

With kind regards and greetings,

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[1] Sanfins MD, Donadon C, Gos E, Serra AP, Rezende A, Ferrazoli N, Skarzynski PH. Skarzynski Tinnitus Scale: cultural adaptation and validation to Brazilian Portuguese. *Int Arch Otorhinolaryngol.* 2023; 27(3): e400–e406. doi: 10.1055/s-0042-1742351