

Dear *Laser Therapy* Reader

I am writing to you from Tokyo, the Covid-19 pandemic is still rampaging, and I am very much afraid it will get worse before it gets better. There are however optimistic signs: the curfews have been lifted in Wuhan and elsewhere in China, as the new infection rate is now very low, and with few deaths. South Korea is managing with a very low fatality rate despite having had the highest infection rate at one stage, and without draconian measures. Germany has one of the lowest death rates, because everyone is doing what they are told. I saw today that in Italy and Spain the fatality rate is finally dropping for a few days in a row, but elsewhere, people are not so lucky. My thoughts, and those of the *Laser Therapy* Editorial Team, are with you, and our sympathies are with those who have lost friends and loved ones to the disease.

As you can image, life has not been easy here in Japan where postponement of the 2020 Olympic Games was a necessary step. More closer to *Laser Therapy*, because of the national sever request of non-essential businesses and social distancing constraints, we have been unable to open our Japan Medical Laser Laboratory offices to get the first issue of the journal (Vol.29-1) put to bed. So please accept my profound apologies. For the first time since we breathed new life into *Laser Therapy*, it will not come out on time. Unfortunately, I can't predict when Issue 29-1 of the new volume will go out. The papers are ready for compilation, and we have managed to maintain our early "e-Pub before final publication" service, because that is managed completely online. However we have been forbidden to hold our Editorial Team meetings due to the national sever request. So, I ask for your patience. We will get the journal out just as soon as we can.

Please, dear readers, stay safe, and remain healthy. Follow the recommendations of your authorities, wherever you are, and we will get through this crisis. Always remember: laughter is the best medicine to increase the immune strength and to defeat Covid-19.

With my very best regards,

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