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**Annexure – IX**  
**Guidelines for “Dr. R. M. Mathur” for Best Article in IAOMP Journal**

**Preamble:**

This award is instituted by Dr R. M. Mathur for the "Best Article in IAOMP Journal" by faculty member of IAOMP. The award includes certificate chosen by a panel of 3 judges appointed by the editorial board of journal of IAOMP.

**Dr. Ravindra Mohan Mathur** born on 16th February 1941, completed his BDS and MDS (Periodontics) from KG's Medical College, Lucknow in 1964 and 1966. In 1970, he was awarded the Common Wealth Scholarship Award to pursue higher education in United Kingdom and he completed his MSc (Oral Pathology and Microbiology) from Institute of Dental Sciences, Eastman Dental Hospital, London, and University of London. Then he held various prestigious posts at KGMC, Lucknow almost 34 years and he retired from KGMC as Professor and Head, Department of Oral Pathology, Oral Medicine and Dental Radiology. In 2001, he joined Saraswathi Dental College, Lucknow and presently is working as the Director in the same institute.

Dr. Mathur served as the President of Indian Academy of Oral Pathologist between 1998. He also served Indian Dental Association as the President, UP State branch. He was honoured by the Governor of Uttar Pradesh with Bharat Jyoti Award as the 'Doctor of the year' in 1996. Additionally he has also been honoured with fellowships from International College of Dentistry, Academy of Dentistry International and Perri Fachuard Academy.

**Objective:** To recognize and reward high-quality scholarly contributions published in the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (JOMFP), thereby promoting academic excellence and encouraging impactful research in the field of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.

**Award Title:** Dr R. M. Mathur Best Article Award (Annual)

**Guidelines:**

**Eligibility:**

1. All articles published in JOMFP of last **five years** up to 31<sup>st</sup> October of that particular year will be considered.
2. Ordinary Life members can apply only once in 25 years.
3. Only original research article will be considered

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**Selection Criteria:****1. Scientific Quality (30%)**

Originality and strength of the research question or hypothesis

Soundness of methodology and data analysis

Appropriateness of study design and statistical rigor

**2. Clinical or Academic Relevance (20%)**

Contribution to the advancement of knowledge in oral pathology

Potential impact on diagnosis, education, or treatment

Relevance to current or emerging issues in the specialty

**3. Innovation and Novelty (15%)**

Introduction of new concepts, techniques, or perspectives

First report or rare presentation with significant educational value

**4. Quality of Writing and Presentation (10%)**

Clarity, coherence, and logical organization of content

Use of high-quality illustrations, tables, and figures

Adherence to JOMFP guidelines and referencing standards

**5. Citations and Impact (10%)**

Number of citations received during the last five years of publication. (Google Scholar, Scopus, etc.) Altmetrics and online engagement (where available)

**6. Peer and Editorial Feedback (10%)**

Reviewer ratings and comments during the peer-review process

Recommendations from the editorial board

**7. Ethical Standards and Transparency (5%)**

Ethical clearance for studies, if applicable  
Conflict of interest and funding disclosures  
Compliance with ethical publishing practices

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**Selection Process:**

Shortlisting: Editorial team shall shortlist top articles based on the above criteria.

**Final Selection:** Based on cumulative scoring across all criteria.

**Award Presentation:**

The award will be presented during the IAOMP Annual Conference.

Winner will receive a certificate and a memento.

Results shall be finalized before AGM and announced during the Annual Conference.

**Note:**

If no article meets the criteria, the award may be withheld for that year.

**Annexure:**

1. Scoring Sheet Template
2. Date of Approval:

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