I thank Drs Warren, Thomas, Boyd, Hemal, and Ying for their article entitled, “Analyzing the Effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Literature.” In the article, they counted the number of articles related to the COVID pandemic in several oral-maxillofacial surgery-related journals, including our own. They appear to make the assumption that failure of articles to appear means they were either not submitted to a journal or rejected by a journal. However, at least in our case, there was another alternative. The JOMS received a very large number of articles related to the pandemic, particularly during the first 6 months of the pandemic. Many were reviewed, accepted after revision, and published. Yet another sizable number of submissions were redirected to our sponsoring organization, the AAOMS. That group had established a special section of their website to post the latest information for readers about the pandemic as it related to the practice of oral-maxillofacial surgery. Furthermore, they assembled a group of experts to collate and review the large amount of information to then produce succinct information to quickly post on the website for all to see, including nonsubscribers. Through this process, our specialty was able to receive more relevant and valuable information in an extremely timely manner. Even the JOMS’s industry leading rapid submission review process and online publication of accepted articles would not be able to match the speed of the information vetting and posting process managed by the AAOMS staff and volunteer clinician experts. This was particularly helpful since the “clearing office” method was able to sort out duplicate information and advice contained in the submissions we were receiving. Therefore, although interesting, the authors’ data were incomplete.

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