

The Journal of Hand, Upper Limb, and Microsurgery: Our Contribution to Science and Society

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Welcome to the first issue of Journal of Hand, Upper Limb, and Microsurgery (JHUM), our contribution to continuing education in this field. This journal is a part of Indonesian Association for Hand, Upper Limb, and Reconstructive Microsurgery project to encourage the development of research and scientific paper writing, while providing the latest trend in hand, upper limb, and microsurgery. With such a large population, it is unsurprising that different treating surgeons in Indonesia have developed a wide array of cases and approaches. Hand surgery in Indonesia has grown rapidly, not only in the field of microsurgery where Prof. Djoko Roeshadi, dr. Erwin Ramawan, and dr. Heri Suroto have laid a solid basis, but also in the development of modern and advanced hand surgery (fixation technique, minimally invasive, and arthroscopic surgery) particularly by the other hand surgeons who are concerned and committed to the development of hand surgery service and education in Indonesia.

The Indonesian Association for Hand, Upper Limb, and Microsurgery also known as PERAMOI (Perhimpunan Bedah Ekstremitas Atas dan Mikro Rekonstruksi Indonesia), is a subsidiary of the Indonesian Orthopaedic Association (IOA). The Journal of Hand, Upper Limb, and Microsurgery was initiated by dr. Made Bramantya Karna, the current PERAMOI chairperson that was supported by dr. Heri Suroto and the other young hand surgeons: dr. Seti Aji Hadinoto, dr. Oryza Satria, and dr. Marquee Kenny Tumbelaka during a pleasant and engaging table talk at the scientific meeting of Indonesian Orthopedic Association in November 2021. This journal was also supported by the other surgeons from other orthopedic disciplines and was officially launched online on February 22nd, 2022.

JHUM is a peer-reviewed, open-access journal that will be issued biannually with the aim to

enrich readers with highly informative articles and providing extensive coverage on the latest trends in hand, upper limb, and reconstructive microsurgery. We receive original basic research articles, clinical investigation or clinical evidence in the form of case reports, case series and meta-analyses related to the field of hand, upper limb, and reconstructive microsurgery. With respect to advances in techniques and technology in this field, review articles and technical notes are also welcome.

In all surgical departments, evidence-based care is becoming increasingly vital, and the art of publication is emerging as a distinct ability that plays an increasingly important role. The primary objective of publishing is to communicate information and expertise in patient care. Scot Fitzgerald wrote, "You don't write because you want to express something; you write because you have something to say." This is also the primary reason we are writing to the surgical community in Indonesia to share your findings, experiences, and ideas.

We understand that writing and preparing a manuscript for publication can be a daunting task, therefore we will be happy to provide assistance to future authors with the hope of putting JHUM as one the highly regarded journal on its field. These shared valuable knowledges and experiences among clinicians to improve patient care will eventually become a continuous, flowing and ongoing charity for us, even after we have passed.