Launching a new journal is never easy, especially in times in which a multitude of them are being published. The Journal of Oral Science & Rehabilitation originated from the efforts of a large group of researchers involved in the development of implant dentistry. Since the mid-1980s, the concept of osseointegration has had a profound influence on treatment planning in dentistry, markedly changing it. It is my view that implant dentistry has been developed to the point that it should be considered an independent dental specialty.

Even though implant dentistry is characterized by surgical aspects that fundamentally involve basic oral science, it should be considered the cornerstone of oral rehabilitation. In fact, while in the past oral rehabilitation aimed to replace missing crowns, implant dentistry has evolved to the restoration of the entire crown–root complex. This, in turn, means that this discipline not only addresses prosthetic issues, but also takes into consideration the biology of the soft and hard tissue.

The title of the journal, which refers to basic scientific knowledge and oral rehabilitation, conveys our attempts to illustrate the complexity of implant dentistry and our wish to develop a platform for researchers and clinicians so that implant dentistry may be considered an all-inclusive discipline that addresses all biological, clinical and aesthetic issues related to patients. The journal will encourage clinicians to play an active role as coordinators of oral rehabilitation, replacing their traditional view of themselves as primarily surgeons. Consequently, this will require a deeper understanding of oral surgery, oral biology, oral rehabilitation and stomatology, and we hope with this journal to contribute to the improvement of knowledge in these fields.