Dear members of the Korean Society of Menopause:

The Korean Society of Menopause (KSM) was founded through the promoters' general assembly by Professor Jin Yong Lee, who passed away on January 21, 1992. After the founding conference held at the Shilla Hotel on April 3, 1992, the first academic conference was held at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel on November 6, 1992—this year marks the 28th year since then. In addition to the annual spring and fall academic conferences, training courses are offered every year, and the 53rd spring training course will be held on July 19th this year. A total of 456 members were registered at the time of the Society’s founding in 1992, and this year, the number has increased nearly four-times to 1870. Today, the KSM is poised to become a historical society, and it will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in two years.

The Journal of Menopausal Medicine (JMM) published its first issue in November 1995, thanks to the vision and guidance of the second chairman of the KSM, Chan Ho Song. Thereafter, issues were published twice a year. In 2002, the journal was issued only once because of the effects of the WHI reports. However, in 2003 and 2004, issues were published four times a year, and since 2005, issues have been published thrice each year. The JMM was registered with KoreaMed in 2009. In 2013, the name of the journal was changed to the current name: the Journal of Menopausal Medicine, and since then, only English manuscripts have been published. Owing to the dedication of Professor Hae-hyeog Lee, the former editor-in-chief, the JMM achieved the distinction of being registered with PubMed and the Korean Research Foundation (KRF) in 2014 and 2015, respectively.

The JMM is the only specialized journal in the field of obstetrics and menopause. It is a professional academic journal valued not only by obstetricians and gynecologists specializing in menopause but also other medical practitioners interested in menopause, including those studying internal medicine and family medicine. Over the years, the journal has grown remarkably, both quantitatively and qualitatively. Certainly, no one will doubt the fact that the development of the JMM has played a huge role in the development of the KSM. We will continue to wholeheartedly support the JMM for publishing high-quality research in the future.
Today, on the 25th anniversary of the JMM, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the former editor-in-chief, Hae-hyeog Lee; the past editors-in-chief; and the past editors for their hard work. In addition, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the current editors, including the current editor-in-chief, Jung Ryeol Lee, who are working extremely hard to get the JMM registered with the SCI.