

## Conflicts of interest

Thank you for your timely editorial regarding conflicts of interest within the academic and professional community as it relates to journal publications.

It is quite apparent that the Angle Orthodontist has always been above reproach and the fact that the magazine is devoid of advertising reinforces that commitment to impartiality.

You, as well as all previous editors, should be commended for the exemplary way research and case reports have been presented. It is not the role of the editor to substantiate the validity of the research but rather apply an impartial and quality-conscious approach to the guidelines for submission and ultimate selection for publication.

"Caveat Emptor", a trite but true cliché meaning let the buyer beware, holds true now as it did thousands of years ago. Proper training, thorough examination of the facts, and logical integration into our professional armamentarium is the re-

sponsibility of each practitioner. "Be not the first to try nor the last to set aside," is still good advice for most things.

To you, all of us in the orthodontic community owe a great debt of gratitude for your tireless and unselfish commitment to improve the quality and integrity of our orthodontic specialty.

Keep up the great work!

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