

Editorial

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The current issue contains one regular paper (Gonnerman’s) and one invited paper (Camargo’s) covering these two subjects: the processing of verb particle constructions and the phonetic approach of clinical data. Five manuscripts were regularly submitted, from which the process of reviewing selected just one paper.

In *The roles of efficiency and complexity in the processing of verb particle constructions*, Laura M. Gonnerman, from McGill University, Canada, suggests that less complex sentences maximize processing efficiency, supporting the idea that those structures which are more common across languages of the world (subject relatives and adjacent dependent constituents) are those that are more easily processed by individuals. Difficult of processing was related to the increase of reading times with each performance factor, that is, subjects took more time to read shifted sentences, more dependent verb-particle constructions, and more complex noun phrases. A work using of a word-by-word self-paced reading task is relevant for a journal of speech sciences because of the possibility of help advance the knowledge of the relations between cognition and speech production with a new technique of investigation. The study of the relations between reading performance in reading-aloud situations, for instance, is a communicative instance can benefit from these results, specially for the design of control conditions in corpora building.

The paper by Zuleica Camargo, from the Catholic University of São Paulo, Brazil, written in Portuguese, *The phonetic approach of clinical data*, presents review of procedures and demands related to the phonetic approach of clinical data. The author explores the benefits of the use of pathological data to advance knowledge of the interface between speech perception and production. The reviewed studies on speech pathology reinforce the indication of a highly integrated and cooperative approach among the several research areas concerned on speech production and perception. The author sustains the idea that the capability of producing speech under disorders caused by damages in phonatory and auditory systems can stimulate researchers to develop approaches that could influence theoretical models, rehabilitation tools and speech technologies development.

This journal was only made possible thanks to a great team working for the journal, and an exceptionally good editorial board. The editor thanks them vividly.

Last but not least, the editors would like to present their concern with regard to the little number of submissions since the journal creation. With the current issue, we had 16 submissions, from which we had 6 accepted papers, which gibes 37.5% of acceptance rate. This means that we are making an effort to preserve quality, as it should be in a scientific publication. It will be necessary, nevertheless, to invest in making JoSS one of the researcher’s choices for publication of speech science work.

Good reading and long life to speech sciences research with JoSS.

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