

声明: 日本古生物学会の和文機関誌「化石」と同名の国際誌の刊行について

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日本古生物学会の和文機関誌「化石」(英文, Fossils)と同名の雑誌をオープンアクセス学術誌の出版社である MDPI が 2023 年に創刊したことについて, 日本古生物学会は MDPI に対して雑誌の名称変更を要請したことを皆様に周知いたします。

日本古生物学会は 1960 年より和文の機関誌「化石」を刊行しており, その英語名は「Fossils」です。本誌は, 2018 年 5 月 5 日に本タイトル (Title proper) を Kaseki (= 化石), 並列タイトル (Parallel title, 本タイトルの英語版) を Fossils として, ISSN に登録しました(オンライン ISSN : 2424-2632, プリント ISSN : 0022-9202, ISSN-L : 0022-9202)。最新号は 2023 年 9 月発行の 114 号です。また, 文部科学省所管の国立研究開発法人科学技術振興機構が運営する電子ジャーナルの無料公開システム J-STAGE には 2023 年 11 月 5 日時点で, 2182 編の論文等が収録されています(<https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/browse/kaseki/-char/ja>)。さらに本誌「化石」は Elsevier Scopus に登録され, Google Scholar でも 300 以上の国際誌に引用されています。

オープンアクセス学術誌の出版社である MDPI は, 本誌と同名の Fossils を 2023 年に創刊しました。この同名の雑誌名は, 研究者や読者を徒に混乱させるものであり(別紙 1 をご覧ください), さらにインパクト・ファクターなどの定量的評価の算出に深刻な影響をもたらします。そのため, 「Fossils」の誌名の先取権を有する日本古生物学会は, 2023 年 11 月 27 日付で, MDPI 社に対して誌名変更を要求しました。その要求書を別紙 2 に示します。

本声明をお送りした皆様方には, 今般の経緯をご理解いただきますようお願いいたしますとともに, 「Fossils」の扱いには慎重にご対応くださいますようお願い申し上げます。

なお, 本誌「化石」を欧文誌で引用する際には, 次の通りに引用ください。

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November 27, 2023

To Fossils Editorial Office

As the current president of the Palaeontological Society of Japan (PSJ), I am making a formal protest to you concerning MDPI's launch this year of a new journal which you are currently intending to call *Fossils*.

PSJ has been publishing the journal *Fossils* ("Kaseki" in Japanese) since 1960 (SCOPUS ID 13897; online ISSN : 2424-2632; print ISSN : 0022-9202; ISSN-L : 0022-9202; for more information see <https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/browse/kaseki/-char/en>). PSJ's *Fossils* is well-known in the global paleontological community, and serves as a useful source of information for paleontologists worldwide, especially about the paleontology and geology of Japan. Although papers in *Fossils* are generally written in Japanese, each paper is published with an English abstract and English captions for figures and tables. Papers published in *Fossils* have been cited by more than 300 international publications, including many authored by non-Japanese scientists.

I am very concerned that your new journal, should you continue to call it *Fossils*, will lead to serious confusion among both researchers and readers. In particular, citations will become unclear (for example, in a paper published in your journal *Diversity*, Haiyan et al. (2021), cite a paper published in our *Fossils* in the following format: Hirayama, R. Review of Fossil Turtles of Japan. *Fossils* 2006, 47–59), and it seems likely that this confusion will cause major problems when calculating metrics such as the impact factor.

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