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The SCML Journal: A New Chapter

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The resurgence of our Journal has been accompanied by a remarkable and continuous increase in both the number and the quality of submissions. Concurrently, we are witnessing a substantial rise in readership and overall impact. We are also pleased to observe an increasing number of medical schools adopting our Journal as their primary scientific publication vehicle. Furthermore, we remain firmly committed to supporting new initiatives and projects, as evidenced by our openness to publishing dedicated supplements that highlight specific areas of emerging research or scientific meetings.

We have actively opened our doors to articles authored by medical students, providing them with a crucial platform to share their early research endeavors. Recognizing that health is a multidisciplinary field, we also warmly welcome submissions from authors in non-medical areas who contribute significantly to the health sciences.

This inclusive vision is further strengthened by the recent changes to the SCML bylaws. The possibility of welcoming non-medical professionals working in the health sector as full members *(sócios efetivos)* is a transformative step. It acknowledges the collaborative nature of modern healthcare and enriches our society's collective expertise, which will undoubtedly be reflected in the pages of our Journal. Furthermore, the creation of a junior member category with a fee waiver presents a tremendous opportunity for greater involvement of university students in the Society and, consequently, in the life of the Journal.

None of this progress would have been possible without the dedication of our editorial team. I want to extend a special and profound word of appreciation to our Editor-in-Chief and all the other editors. They accepted this challenging endeavor with remarkable generosity and unwavering availability.

Now, having secured the consistency of our publication schedule, it is time to look forward to our next major objective: indexing. Achieving indexing in major international databases is our logical next step. This will significantly increase the impact and visibility of the research published here, thereby further enhancing the attractiveness of the Journal for future authors.

In these times of rapid change, the Journal of the SCML stands as a resilient, growing, and inclusive forum for scientific excellence.

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