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Editorial

MULTIMED: a new publishing year to strengthen the rigor and impact of biomedical science

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MULTIMED, the official scientific publication of the University of Medical Sciences of Granma, Cuba, celebrated its 28th anniversary. Designed for physicians, nurses, technicians, and all public health personnel, its objective is to publish the main results of territorial, national, and international research conducted in health centers to promote the dissemination of scientific knowledge with rigor and clinical relevance.

In this context, it is especially important to encourage the publication of articles derived from doctoral dissertations, master's theses, and residency completion projects, as these constitute valuable sources of original knowledge and strengthen local scientific evidence. Of course, other



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types of articles that meet the publication requirements and guidelines will continue to be evaluated and accepted.

Currently, MULTIMED is classified as a Type II scientific journal, indexed in prestigious databases and information systems such as SciELO, DOAJ, Latindex, REDIB, WorldCat, Medigraphic, SeCiMed, Dialnet, and the Virtual Health Library. This ranking is the result of the accumulated efforts of previous editorial teams and provides a solid foundation for taking on new challenges. The transition to Type I impact journal status, through indexing in Scopus, requires a substantial strengthening of the scientific profile of published manuscripts.

The editorial board considers it essential to steadily increase the publication of original articles derived from analytical studies, systematic reviews, methodologically rigorous narrative literature reviews, as well as experimental and quasi-experimental intervention studies and clinical trials. These types of contributions represent the core of evidence-based medicine and are an indispensable requirement for increasing the journal's visibility, citations, and scientific credibility.

An institutional appeal is made to authors to approach research and scientific publication with the rigor demanded by a biomedical journal undergoing growth and international expansion. Proper manuscript preparation, adherence to editorial guidelines, correct use of reporting guidelines, and methodological consistency reflect respect for the scientific community and the journal.

Similarly, the strategic role of reviewers is emphasized, as their function is crucial in ensuring the scientific and ethical quality of manuscripts. Peer review must be conducted with critical analysis, sound argumentation, and timely responses.

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reviewers, and adherence to ethical principles constitute an essential pillar for the stability and development of the journal.

MULTIMED maintains a zero-tolerance policy towards scientific misconduct, including plagiarism, data manipulation, authorship disputes, redundant publication, and the inappropriate use of artificial intelligence tools without transparency. Scientific integrity is a fundamental principle, and its preservation is a shared responsibility.

With a medium-term vision, MULTIMED aims to consolidate its profile as the highest-impact biomedical journal, strengthen a stable body of reviewers, increase the proportion of studies with a high level of evidence, and continuously optimize its editorial processes.

Scientific excellence is a collective and sustained process.

