

EDITORIAL

Embracing a New Chapter at Birth and Growth Medical Journal, in times of new forms of intelligence

Um novo capítulo na *Birth and Growth Medical Journal*, em tempos de novas formas de inteligência

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It is with immense honor and a profound sense of responsibility that I assume the role of Editor-in-Chief for the Birth and Growth Medical Journal. As I step into this distinguished position, I am deeply aware of the remarkable legacy built by my predecessor, Dr. Sílvia Álvares, the journal's inaugural Editor-in-Chief. Dr. Sílvia Álvares vision and dedication transformed "Nascer e Crescer," launched in March 1992, into the esteemed publication it is today, a cornerstone for medical professionals dedicated to maternal-fetal and childcare health.

The journey of this journal is a testament to its adaptability and commitment to progress. The Birth and Growth Medical Journal began as a vital platform for pediatricians in northern Portugal, born out of a clear need for shared knowledge and scientific advancement. The journal has undergone significant transformations, from its initial focus on pediatrics to its expanded scope encompassing maternal-fetal and neonatal health. This evolution reflects a crucial understanding of the interconnectedness of these disciplines.

We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Dr. Sílvia Álvares for her foresight in embracing the digital revolution. Her leadership in transitioning the journal from print to an exclusively online, open-access format, has dramatically enhanced our reach and accessibility. The decision in 2017 to publish in English, reflected in our current title, further amplified our voice on the global stage, stimulating worldwide communication and collaboration.

The peer review process is the bedrock of our editorial quality, and it's a challenge we continue to prioritize. The tireless efforts of our dedicated reviewers, who generously volunteer their time and expertise, are fundamental to maintaining the rigor and integrity of every manuscript. I extend my deepest appreciation to them for their

invaluable contributions.

Looking ahead, my immediate focus will be to build upon this solid foundation. A key priority will be to expand our indexing process, ensuring our articles are easily discoverable by a global audience of researchers and healthcare professionals.

As the journal navigates the evolving landscape of medical publishing, it's necessary to clarify our recommendations regarding the emerging phenomenon of Artificial Intelligence systems (AI) in academic submissions.

Artificial intelligence systems, including language models, machine learning algorithms, and related technologies, cannot be recognized as authors. However, when such tools are utilized to assist in the writing or development of a manuscript, the responsibility for the accuracy, originality, and integrity of the content remains entirely with the listed authors. Authors must explicitly disclose how the AI tool was used, including whether it was employed to draft text, generate or format tables or figures, or write code. This information should appear in the Acknowledgment section, or in the Methods section if the tool contributed to study design, data analysis, or result reporting.^(1,2)

Finally, it's important to remember that the success of the Birth and Growth Medical Journal has always been a collective achievement. As we embark on this new chapter, we continue to count on the dedication of our editorial board, reviewers, authors, and readers. I am confident that the Birth and Growth Medical Journal will continue to thrive and contribute meaningfully to improving health outcomes.

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