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## Editorial

In the last decade, a significant increase in scientific publications has been detected in literature, with over 479,000 articles on the Scopus index with “dentistry” as the subject area, representing an increase of about 55% compared to the previous period from 2012 to 2002. The scientific production inflation is reflected in a total of 157 scientific journals classified with the “dentistry, oral surgery & medicine” category on Journal Citation Report (Clarivate) with a median impact factor of 2.6 on Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE database) and 0.8 on Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI).

The *Annals of Stomatology* is an innovative international peer-reviewed journal focused on publishing significant research across various domains of dentistry, maxillofacial diseases, and translational and regenerative medicine. The critical importance of these fields has been increasingly recognized by global health authorities, who have underscored the role of oral health in overall healthcare systems and societal well-being. By early 2021, it was estimated that billions of individuals worldwide were affected by oral diseases, including tooth loss, illustrating the global burden of these conditions.

In response to this growing concern, several significant strategic initiatives were undertaken. A comprehensive action plan was developed to address oral health globally, prioritizing key areas such as governance, oral health promotion and prevention, workforce training and development, access to oral healthcare services, the enhancement of information systems, and the expansion of research. These initiatives highlighted the essential role of oral health in not just maintaining individual aesthetics and functionality but also in fostering social connections and self-esteem throughout the human lifespan. Furthermore, these strategic decisions reflected a commitment to integrating oral health more deeply into the broader healthcare and welfare systems, recognizing its importance as a fundamental component of overall health. The recent insights in regenerative dentistry and biomedicine are emerging promising advances in implant device surfaces, bioactive materials, and tissue engineering that can improve biological responses and oral tissue healing.

Novel targets have been determined by identifying new-generation materials promoting bone tissue response and rehabilitation predictability. In this way, dental implant rehabilitation represents a highly debated topic in line with the bibliometric spread of the dentistry area concerning innovative

medical devices, clinical protocols, predictability, long-term outcomes, and complications. The importance of this field is immediately clarified by the dimension of the worldwide dental implant market valued at 4.15 billion USD in 2020.

On the other hand, the journal's purpose will be to produce a significant translational impact on the scientific knowledge in dental clinical practice. The interdisciplinarity will be a consistent component of the editorial line, especially with the dental innovations and emerging issues in this field with high evidence. The different topic areas will be addressed considering innovative, original research, including full papers, clinical case reports, systematic reviews, randomised clinical trials, cohort and pilot studies, and editorials through a high-quality peer review by a qualified, respectable expert.

An Editorial Board will define the journal's scientific line and orientation with a respectable international membership, and the Editor-in-Chief will preliminarily evaluate the manuscript's suitability for publication. The peer review will be conducted through at least two double-blind expert reviewers with full respect to the journal's ethical transparency policy.

The journal's goal will be to maintain a rapid correspondence with authors, reducing any delay of the review processing no more than one month from the submission process in full respect to the quality content expectation of the scientific products. Particular attention will be given to the ethical and methodological aspects of the study proposal, the adherence to the Good Clinical Practice Guidelines and the data availability of the experiments. Also, any conflict of interest will be managed and declared in the publications to maintain the journal policy's high transparency.

The Editorial Board plays a pivotal role in shaping the content and direction of the *Annals of Stomatology*; a journal focused on staying at the forefront of the ever-evolving medical field. Their responsibility includes keeping abreast of current trends and emerging global issues within the healthcare system, all while adhering to the principles of evidence-based medicine and evidence-based dentistry.

Their dedication to these principles and the dynamic nature of medical science instill confidence in the potential for rapid success and widespread recognition of the *Annals of Stomatology*.

We extend our best wishes to the journal and its Editorial Board, hoping for continued achievements and valuable contributions to the field of stomatology.

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