

Year-end Review 2023

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In this, the final issue of 2023, we decided to conduct a kind of assessment of everything worked on throughout the year.

When we started our role as Editors, we set three main goals: to make significant progress in professionalizing the editing process, increase the number of original submissions, and transform our Journal into a platform for discussing and addressing major health-related issues.

Our analysis suggests we have achieved modest success as the people accompanying us through their collaborations highlight the friendliness and promptness with which their works get reviewed. On the other hand, we have increased the reception of original articles from external sources to our hospital by 70%, allowing us to begin addressing, with a near-term horizon of approximately twelve months, the processes of indexing in Latindex 2.0, Núcleo Básico de Revistas Científicas (Core of Scientific Journals) and SciELO.

Our team made significant progress regarding the discussion and design of regulations to include Artificial Intelligence and inclusive language in publication policies and in the decision to adhere to the standards published by COPE (Committee on Publication Ethics) on ethical conduct and good practices. We use the Crossref Similarity Check detection system to detect plagiarism and follow the authorship guidelines and the ICMJE (International Committee of Medical Journal Editors) definition of conflict of interest.

Current issues affecting our field -- such as abortion, assisted suicide, and others -- were addressed and gained visibility thanks to the pen of many professionals who are experts in each of the proposed topics, thus depicting a highly accurate mapping of the Medicine of our time.

This state of affairs encourages us to continue along the path we started a year ago, with the certainty that more achievements await us in the future that we can only achieve if we continue to build a community of attentive and critical authors and readers.

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