Note from the Editor-in-Chief

Expanding the scientific activities and the Editorial Board of *Acta Biomedica*

Medical students usually face major barriers to engaging in research activities, such as the lack of funding and research opportunities. To facilitate overcoming one of these barriers, *Acta Biomedica* has promoted a new column entitled "Promoting PhD Medical Students Scientific Research".

The authors of the submitted manuscript must meet the aims and guidelines of *Acta Biomedica*. Up to 4 medical students as Co-authors will be allowed. The mandatory provision of a mentorship for supporting and conducting students in writing and submitting research manuscripts is required. His/her name must be reported in the list of Co-Authors. The accepted articles will be exempted from APC (Article Processing Charge).

As Editor-in-Chief of *Acta Biomedica*, I hope the visibility and dissemination of medical students' research work will further motivate to engage in research activities.

Acta Biomedica has already published the first article conducted by junior researchers (*Dina Fawzy et al.*) from Alexandria University, Egypt (*Acta Biomed. 2024 Aug 28;95(4):e2024142*).

Moreover, *Acta Biomedica* wishes to expand the editorial team to represent its global researchers and readers broadly. We seek junior passionate postgraduate researchers, with at least five years of clinical experience, to join the Journal's Editorial Board. Ideally, the applicant should have themselves published in the medical literature and have experience in peer review to ensure that articles submitted to *Acta Biomedica* meet the journal's quality standards.

Being members of the Editorial Board, you are responsible for the meticulous review of submitted articles following the journal's established scope and policies.

The Editor-in-Chief maintains his consistent and ongoing final evaluation of submitted articles to ensure that *Acta Biomedica* meets the highest journal's quality, accuracy and quality standards. Editorial Board members do not receive an honorarium but will be an essential part of the *Acta Biomedica* Editorial Board Members.

If you are interested in joining the Editorial Team, please email your CV to the Editor-in-Chief, (e-mail: maurizio.vanelli@unipr.it), highlighting your areas of interest and qualification for serving on the Editorial Board.

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