

EDITORIAL

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Beyond the manuscripts: a thank you note to our reviewers in 2023

In the dynamic context of academic research, the heartbeat of our journal quickened over the course of 2023. We witnessed a noteworthy surge – from 69 to 85 submissions in a single year. This statistical ascent not only mirrors the growing vibrancy of our community but also speaks to the unwavering commitment of contributors – authors and reviewers - who fuel the intellectual engine of our publication.

To cope with the influx of submissions, we recognized the pressing need to fortify our editorial infrastructure. In response to this heightened demand, our editorial board underwent a strategic expansion, welcoming new minds and fresh perspectives. We also partnered with the Associação Portuguesa de Cardiopneumologistas (APTEC) to expand the reach of our journal to a broader audience of readers, authors, and reviewers. This significant collaboration intends to foster a more diverse and enriched scholarly community.

We are also pleased to share that this year we have secured indexation in the Índice de Revistas Médicas Portuguesas. This achievement reflects our commitment to expanding the accessibility and reach of our journal within the Portuguese medical community.

The refinement of papers submitted to the journal is consistently enhanced through the critical analyses and

constructive suggestions provided by our esteemed reviewers during the blind peer review process. Consequently, the overarching quality of PJCTVS can be largely attributed to the dedicated efforts of the reviewers listed below.

A gentle reminder to our valued reviewers: you have the opportunity to claim due credits for your invaluable contributions. By utilizing the Reviewer Credits system plugin in our submission platform, your dedicated efforts will be duly acknowledged and highlighted. We encourage each reviewer to make use of this mechanism to ensure proper recognition for the integral role you play in maintaining the excellence of our journal.

We would like to express our gratitude to the diligent reviewers who have tirelessly shaped the narrative of our journal and eagerly anticipate the opportunity to collaborate with each of you once again in 2024!

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