Dear Readers,
It is with great pleasure that we introduce the inaugural issue of the Tunisian Journal of Sports Science and Medicine (Tun J Sport Sci Med). This journal, while including 'Tunisian' in its title, extends its reach far beyond the borders of Tunisian researchers, as an international journal that discusses the latest findings in sports science and sports medicine. The name 'Tunisian' refers not just to its geographical origin, but also to the Tunisian-based editorial board scientists. However, we ensure that our international scope is well reflected in our editorial policies and content, welcoming diverse perspectives from all over the world.

The Tun J Sport Sci Med is a peer-reviewed, quarterly, and open-access journal that upholds the highest principles of academic transparency, diversity, equity, and accessibility. The Tun J Sport Sci Med invites submissions of high-quality original articles, review articles (e.g., narrative, scoping, systematic, integrative), editorials, short communications, and letters to the editor. While editorials are typically published through invitations, we are open to considering exceptional editorial pieces. The authors interested in submitting editorials should contact the editor-in-chief to discuss their potential fit and relevance for our journal. We place great value on contributions that not only introduce new findings but also provide a critical analysis of existing research and offer innovative approaches to address the complex challenges within sports science and medicine.

The Tun J Sport Sci Med includes a wide array of disciplines within sports science, including exercise physiology, biomechanics, psychology, sociology, nutrition and dietetics, motor learning and control, sports and exercise epidemiology, kinesiology and movement science, technology and data analysis, among many other evolving fields in sports science. Complementing our focus on sports science, the Tun J Sport Sci Med also conducts thorough exploration in the field of sports medicine, including injury prevention, rehabilitation, orthopedics, chronic diseases, and cardiology, among many other evolving fields in sports medicine.

In the Tun J Sport Sci Med, we are committed to promote inclusivity in research by offering waived publication fees for the first two issues to authors from diverse backgrounds. Beginning with our third issue, we extend this waiver to authors in low-income countries. This approach is part of our commitment to promote inclusivity in research. Additionally, the Tun J Sport Sci Med operates an open peer
While the Tun J Sport Sci Med takes a strict approach to plagiarism and AI-generated content, we recognize the potential benefits of AI chatbots in the academic writing process (9). AI technology, aimed at assisting academic purposes, can be a valuable tool for researchers (9). However, the reliance on these tools should be moderate and judicious (1). We encourage authors to utilize AI chatbots as an aid in their writing process provided that the final submission remains predominantly the author's original work. To ensure transparency and integrity, our journal strongly advises the authors to disclose any use of AI in the preparation of their manuscript. This disclosure not only aligns with ethical research practices, but also fosters an environment of honesty and trust within the academic community.

These policies are in place to protect the integrity of academic research and the reputation of authors and journals. We believe that these measures are essential to ensure the publication of high-quality original and review papers that meaningfully support the fields of sports science and sports medicine. The authors are strongly encouraged to carefully review their manuscripts for originality and proper citation practices prior to submission. We expect each manuscript to maintain a high standard of academic integrity, with no more than 5% of its content. We remain dedicated to support researchers and scholars in producing work that is innovative and adheres to the highest ethical standards. The Tun J Sport Sci Med considers these issues seriously and expects the same level of commitment from its contributors.

As we introduce the Tunisian Journal of Sports Science and Medicine, our aim is to contribute to the global discourse in sports science and medicine. We are committed to a journey of continuous learning and improvement, determined to uphold academic excellence and integrity in all our activities. With the collaborative efforts of our international community of researchers and practitioners, we hope to gradually establish our journal as a respected and valuable resource in the field, recognized for its dedication to advancing knowledge in exercise science and medicine.

Regards,

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