

The Beginning of Our Journey: The Launch of the Tunisian Journal of Sports Science and Medicine

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1. Round 1

1.1 Reviewer 1

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Dear Editors of the Tunisian Journal of Sports Science and Medicine,

I am honored to have been selected as a reviewer for the inaugural issue of the Tunisian Journal of Sports Science and Medicine (Tun J Sport Sci Med). I would like to commend the editorial team for their efforts in establishing a platform that extends beyond geographical boundaries, fostering a global dialogue in the realms of sports science and sports medicine.

The introductory section provides a clear overview of the journal's international focus, emphasizing inclusivity in both authorship and readership. However, there are a few points that could benefit from clarification or expansion:

1. **Scope Definition:** While the journal claims to cover a wide array of disciplines within sports science and sports medicine, a more explicit outline of specific sub-disciplines or niche areas could enhance the understanding of the journal's scope for potential contributors.
2. **Inclusivity Statement:** The commitment to inclusivity through waived publication fees for authors from diverse backgrounds is commendable. However, providing specific details or criteria for what constitutes "diverse backgrounds" would add transparency and clarity.



3. Open Peer Review System: The mention of an open peer review system is encouraging. Elaborating on the mechanisms in place to ensure the effectiveness of this system and how it aligns with the journal's commitment to transparency could enhance reader confidence.
4. Ethical Considerations: The emphasis on obtaining Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval for research involving human participants is crucial. It might be beneficial to provide a brief reference or link to resources guiding authors through the IRB approval process.

Moving on to the section addressing plagiarism and the use of AI-generated content, the policies outlined are robust and aligned with best practices in academic publishing. However, there are a few points for consideration:

1. AI-Generated Text Detection: While the journal rightly addresses the issue of AI-generated text, it might be beneficial to briefly outline the technology or tools used for detection to assure authors of the rigor of the screening process.
2. AI Chatbots: The encouragement for authors to use AI chatbots responsibly is noteworthy. Offering some examples or guidelines on what constitutes moderate and judicious use of AI chatbots could assist authors in navigating this recommendation.

The editorial team's dedication to maintaining high academic and ethical standards is evident throughout the manuscript. The outlined policies and commitments reflect a thoughtful approach to ensuring the credibility and originality of published content. I appreciate the opportunity to review this document and look forward to witnessing the Tun J of Sport Sci Med contribute significantly to the global discourse in sports science and medicine.

Sincerely,

1.2 Reviewer 2

Date: 25 November 2023

This Editorial is characterized by its exceptional clarity, coherence and scholarly presentation. It meticulously outlines the various crucial steps of the submission process and emphasizes the painstaking efforts required to meet the rigorous standards for inclusion in the publication.

just a few remarks:

1. Announce the type of this publication
2. Adjust the article texts
3. We suggest announcing the department name if available and before the name of the university as affiliation "Postgraduate School of Public Health, Department of Health Sciences (DISSAL), University of Genoa, Genoa, Italy"
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I am honored to have reviewed the first editorial and am deeply impressed by the caliber of work already evident in Tun J Sport Sci Med. The road ahead will be filled with challenges, but also with incredible opportunities. Your dedication will inspire countless researchers, academics, and practitioners who rely on high-quality; peer-reviewed information to guide their work and advance sports science.

2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.