

A Journey of Trust, Learning, and Gratitude

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Dear IAPSM-GC members and the Healthline family,


Serving as the Editor-in-Chief of *Healthline Journal* has been one of the most meaningful and fulfilling experiences of my academic life. As I prepare to hand over the responsibility to the new editorial team from April 2026 (Vol. 17, No. 2), I do so with a sense of gratitude, satisfaction, and humility. The faith that the IAPSM-GC fraternity placed in me was both an honour and a responsibility, and from the very beginning I remained aware that a scientific journal represents not just an editorial office but the academic character of an entire professional community.

The journey of *Healthline Journal* itself reflects the steady growth of our academic aspirations. What began in 2010 as an annual journal gradually evolved into a biannual journal in 2011 and later into a quarterly journal in 2021, demonstrating increasing scholarly participation and trust among contributors. Granting the Journal the status of a National Journal, through the coordinated and dedicated efforts of the past office bearers of IAPSM GC, was in itself a significant achievement. The adoption of an online submission and editorial management system through OJS in 2025 marked another important milestone, bringing greater transparency, efficiency, and accessibility to the publication process. Over time, the journal expanded its academic visibility and is now indexed in DOAJ, Index Copernicus, Open AIRE, and Index Medicus-SEAR, while applications for Scopus and the Emerging Sources

Citation Index (ESIC) are under consideration. Securing DOI registration with Crossref marked another significant milestone in expanding the journals reach and enhancing its visibility. The continuous support extended by the Secretary Generals of IAPSM-GC in this regard is sincerely acknowledged. These developments were never the work of an individual but the result of consistent collective efforts.

Managing a journal is both intellectually rewarding and administratively demanding. We encountered manuscript backlogs, reviewer availability issues, technical transitions, and the responsibility of maintaining publication ethics. The move to the online system required patience from authors, reviewers, and editors alike, yet it significantly improved accountability and workflow management. Throughout this process, I realized that a journal grows not only through published articles but also through relationships built on cooperation, communication, and mutual respect.

I express my sincere gratitude to Dr. K. N. Sonaliya (Former Chief Editor, *Healthline*), Dr. Bhavik Rana, and Dr. Mansi Patel (Former Associate Editors), along with the present editorial team Dr. Venu Shah, Dr. Jaydeep Ghevariya, Dr. Margi Sheth, and Dr. Gopi Kalariya for their consistent support and dedicated efforts in maintaining a smooth editorial workflow and ensuring timely publication. I sincerely acknowledge and thank all authors who trusted the journal with their work, reviewers who dedicated their valuable time, editorial board members who provided guidance, and the

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IAPSM-GC leadership for their constant encouragement. The technical and staff worked tirelessly behind the scenes, often beyond formal working hours, to resolve queries and ensure timely publication. If at any point my words or decisions caused inconvenience or hurt to anyone, I offer my sincere apologies. Editorial responsibilities sometimes demand firmness, but they should never overshadow courtesy, and I hope I was able to uphold that balance.

As every tenure concludes, the journal must continue its journey forward. Certain aspirations remain like reducing manuscript processing time further, achieving indexing in Scopus and ESCI, expanding international readership, and strengthening the reviewer network and ethical standards. I am confident that the upcoming editorial team will pursue these goals with renewed enthusiasm and fresh perspectives.

Looking back, I carry a quite satisfaction of having contributed to the journal's progress and having learned immensely along the way. *Healthline Journal* has always been a shared academic endeavor, and my association with it will continue beyond this formal role. I extend my best wishes to the new editorial team and assure them of my continued support in the growth of the journal and the activities of IAPSM-GC.

With sincere regards,

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