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TRANSITION IN LEADERSHIP

Serving as Editor-in-Chief has been one of the most rewarding responsibilities of my professional career both as an honour and remarkable learning experience. Over the years, the journal has continued to evolve in quality, visibility, and academic contribution. During this tenure, we have worked to promote ethical and evidence-based publication practices, encourage multidisciplinary collaboration, and enhance the scientific standards of the journal. I also had the privilege of working alongside dedicated editorial board members, committed reviewers, talented authors, and an enthusiastic readership who collectively contributed to the growth and academic integrity of the journal.

Leading almost new medical journal as Editor-in-Chief was both challenging and demanding, which required not only academic vision but also perseverance, teamwork, and constant dedication. In the early stages, every aspect demanded attention: developing editorial policies, forming a credible editorial board, ensuring quality peer review, attracting good manuscripts, maintaining publication timelines, building the trust of authors and readers.

One of the greatest challenges was establishing the journal's academic identity and encouraging researchers to submit their valuable work to a new journal required sustained effort and confidence in the editorial process and maintaining high ethical and scientific standards while balancing limited resources and operational challenges often made the role demanding. Despite these difficulties, every submitted manuscript and every published issue represented a meaningful step toward strengthening the journal's foundation and long-term vision.

Another greatest challenge was the difficulty in obtaining a sufficient number of quality articles required for regular publication and indexing. As many authors strongly desired to see the journal become indexed and internationally recognized, relatively few were willing to submit their own work to support that process. Most authors understandably preferred to publish in already indexed and established journals for greater academic visibility and career

advancement.

A journal can achieve indexing and recognition only when members collectively support it through regular submission of quality manuscripts, constructive peer review, and academic engagement.

So, I sincerely request all members of our ENT society to actively support our own journal by contributing at least one scientific article, case report, review, or clinical study. Even a single contribution from each member can make a significant difference in helping the journal achieve the standards required for indexing and international recognition. I therefore urge all colleagues to consider the journal not only as a publication platform, but as our shared academic responsibility and pride. The progress and future recognition of the journal depend upon the collective academic commitment of its members.

I extend my heartfelt best wishes to the new editorial team as they take forward the responsibility of leading the journal into its next phase of growth and achievement. I am confident that under their leadership, the journal will continue to progress academically and achieve greater recognition in the years ahead.

Although my tenure as Editor-in-Chief comes to an end, my commitment and support for the journal will always remain. I shall always be available to extend any assistance, guidance, or support whenever needed in the continued advancement of our journal and our academic society.

As leadership changes, new ideas, renewed energy begins, and progress continues which are essential for growth. I am confident that under this new editorial team, the journal will continue to expand its academic influence, foster and uphold the highest standards of scientific publishing and reach even greater milestones in the years ahead.

No journal advances through the efforts of one individual alone. I remain profoundly grateful to my editorial board, reviewer, author, and administrative staff member whose dedication and professionalism sustained the journal.

through both opportunities and challenges. I sincerely thank everyone once again who placed their trust and cooperation to me throughout my tenure

