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The integrity and quality of scientific publishing rest fundamentally on the commitment, expertise, and intellectual generosity of peer reviewers. As editors of this journal, we express our profound appreciation for the time and effort that referees devote to the careful evaluation of manuscripts, frequently undertaken alongside demanding clinical, academic, and administrative responsibilities.

In 2025, the journal received an impressive number of submissions encompassing a broad spectrum of disciplines, study designs, and methodological approaches. Assessing these manuscripts for originality, methodological rigor, clinical and scientific relevance, and clarity of presentation is an exacting and highly responsible task. It is through the discerning judgment, critical insight, and constructive recommendations of our referees that we are able to maintain the high scholarly standards expected by our authors, readers, and the wider scientific community.

Peer review is, in essence, a selfless scholarly service that often remains unrecognized despite its central role in the advancement of knowledge. By ensuring that published work is accurate, transparent, and impactful, reviewers safeguard the credibility of the scientific record. Their thoughtful critiques not only strengthen individual manuscripts but also contribute meaningfully to the cumulative progress of science and the dissemination of reliable evidence to clinicians, researchers, and policymakers.

On behalf of the Editorial Board, we extend our sincere gratitude to all the below scientific referees who have supported the journal with their expertise and dedication.

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As we enter a new year of publishing, we remain committed to acknowledging and valuing their indispensable contributions. We also encourage authors, readers, and academic institutions to join us in recognizing the vital role that reviewers play in the scientific enterprise. Together, we can continue to foster a culture of rigor, integrity, collegiality, and collaboration that underpins excellence in research and scholarly communication.

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