

Building the Future of Portuguese Nephrology Together

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It is with a profound optimism that I write this editorial for the forthcoming edition of the Portuguese Kidney Journal (PKJ). As we unveil this new volume, it is an opportunity not only to present the latest research to our readership but also to reflect on our collective journey, chart an ambitious course for the year ahead and thank all involved in this project.

First and foremost, I must present my most sincere gratitude to everyone who has been the backbone of this publication. To the authors who have entrusted us with their invaluable research, thank you for choosing PKJ as the platform to share your discoveries with the nephrology community.

To the reviewers, who so diligently and voluntarily give their time and expertise, we owe a tremendous debt.

To my esteemed colleagues on the Editorial Team, your tireless efforts are what transform a collection of manuscripts into a cohesive and respected academic journal. It is a privilege to work with such a dedicated group of professionals.

Finally, to our body of readers, thank you for your engagement. It is your interest that ultimately fulfills the journal's mission: to disseminate high-quality Portuguese nephrology research.

This spirit of collaboration is the foundation upon which we aim to build the future of PKJ, recognizing that the landscape of academic publishing is constantly evolving. To be relevant and to amplify the voice of our researchers, we must embrace change and aim higher.

Therefore, our strategic vision for the current year for PKJ is twofold:

1. Internationalization: We are committed to expanding our reach beyond our borders. We will actively seek to attract a more diverse pool of international authors and broaden our Editorial Board with distinguished scholars from around the globe. Our goal is to position PKJ as a premier destination for high-impact research, ensuring that the work published in PKJ resonates far and wide.

2. This forthcoming edition of the PKJ is also an opportunity to highlight that the journal has been indexed in SciELO since 2024, an important achievement that has strengthened its international visibility and supported the dissemination of high-quality nephrology research.

3. Indexation in Embase and Scopus: In line with our internationalization efforts, we are focused on meeting the rigorous criteria required for inclusion in prestigious databases. Our immediate targets are indexation in Embase and Scopus. Achieving these milestones is not merely an administrative goal; it is a strategic imperative. Indexation in these platforms will markedly enhance the visibility and credibility of every author, integrating the content of PKJ into the mainstream of global scientific literature.

These objectives are ambitious, and they will require even greater effort from our team and continued trust from our contributors. But I am confident that, together, we possess the determination to achieve them.

As we enter this new chapter, I invite our community of authors, reviewers, and readers to join us on this journey. Let us work together to elevate PKJ to new heights of excellence and international recognition.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Manuel Pestana
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