

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

## PREFACE

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### **Why Annals of Alquds Medicine?**

I thank Allah and ask Him to raise the rank of prophet Muḥammed (peace be upon him).

*Annals of Alquds Medicine* (AQM) started as a personal initiative by Dr. Haitham Idriss shortly after the 2<sup>nd</sup> conference on biomedical journals in the WHO-EMRO Region, during which Dr. Idriss represented Palestine and delivered a talk about the status of research and biomedical journals in Palestine and the importance of these to the world. It was important to start an independent medical journal that communicates Palestinian medical research to the world, particularly to the Arabic and Islamic world. It was also important to have a peer-reviewed Palestinian journal whereby researchers outside Palestine researching in the fields of medicine and its history could publish their work.

There are many aspects that distinguishes AQM from other medical journals in the world. Although it is a scientific and medical journal, the journal works under the guidance of the Qura'an and Sunnah. Studying medicine in Islam is a communal obligation and many scholars of Islam encouraged entering this discipline. The messenger of Allah peace be upon him encouraged seeking treatment for ailments. The journal adopted a policy of not publishing articles that contradict Qura'an and Sunnah, such as ones concluding human immortality or ones advocating Darwinism, which alleges that humans evolved from apes.

AQM publishes original articles in medicine, its sciences and history. It adopted the tubulin tyrosination cycle as a national Palestinian research programme. Tubulin tyrosination is emerging as a phenomenon in conditions such as heart disease and breast cancer. The journal published articles with themes including the use of antibiotics in hospitals in Nablus, spread of parasites, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Listeria*, and application of bronchoscopy for foreign body removal from respiratory tract in children in the Gaza region and child care in Arabic medicine.

Administratively, the journal enjoys an editorial board of physicians and scientists from countries such as Palestine, Saudi, Turkey, Britain, Pakistan, Syria and others. Such editorial board ensures that the journal remains independent, with a clear objective of looking after the healthcare interests of the Palestinian people as well as people in the Arabic and Islamic world and at the same time communicate Palestinian (and regional) medical research to the international community.

I welcome you all to the first volume of Annals of Alquds Medicine and may Allah guide us to what is best.

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