

Editorial**Knowledge as an Enduring Legacy: Redefining Academic Publishing for Global Equity**

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The traditional landscape of medical publishing is fracturing under the weight of its own economic barriers. Scientific dissemination has increasingly become a commercial transaction, in which high-impact knowledge sits behind steep paywalls, and the opportunity to publish requires financial resources that many of the world's most dedicated clinicians lack. This dynamic systematically marginalizes healthcare professionals in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), creating a profound disparity in which those who face the heaviest burdens of disease are afforded the fewest avenues to share their insights.

It is to dismantle this paradigm that we proudly inaugurate the *Journal of University Physicians & Surgeons Pakistan (JUPSP)*. Founded by the Association of University Physicians & Surgeons Pakistan (AUPSP), this journal is built upon a foundation that rejects the predatory commercialization of science. We do not measure success in profits or in thousands of dollars earned, but in barriers broken, insights shared, and lives ultimately improved.

Our guiding philosophy is rooted in a profound ethical principle: the pursuit and dissemination of beneficial knowledge as a form of *Sadaqah Jariyah*—a ceaseless, ongoing charity. In medicine, knowledge is not a commodity to be hoarded or monetized; it is a shared human inheritance. To ensure long-term viability, high indexing standards, and editorial independence, JUPSP will operate on a lean, non-profit cost-recovery model. Any article processing charges (APCs) will remain strictly modest—designed solely to sustain peer-review management, digital preservation, and operational infrastructure. APC waivers may also be available to authors who need them, ensuring that financial constraints never obstruct scientific contributions.

Yet true equity requires more than affordable access. If a journal merely waits to receive

polished manuscripts, it inevitably favors well-funded institutions with established research infrastructures. JUPSP will not be a passive spectator in the scientific ecosystem. Through the combined global clinical and academic strength of our physicians, universities, and health systems, this journal will serve as a living incubator for medical research. We are committed to actively creating opportunities where they are most urgently needed—establishing rigorous training programs in research methodology, providing hands-on mentorship in scientific writing, and championing ethical research practices across borders.

We invite clinicians, researchers, educators, and policymakers from every corner of the globe to join us in this endeavor. Let us build a journal that belongs to everyone. By marrying the highest standards of scientific rigor with an unwavering commitment to ethical, accessible, and active mentorship, we can transform academic publishing from a closed ecosystem of privilege into a global, enduring engine of beneficial knowledge.

With the name of Allah, we begin this endeavor and pray that it prospers, fulfills its goals, and continues to benefit all until the end of time.