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Letter from the Editor-In-Chief

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Letter from the Editor-In-Chief

As the founding Editor-in-Chief, on behalf of the Editorial Board, it is my great honor and pleasure to present the fifth volume of the PSM Biological Research. The *PSMBR* editorial position offers up a fresh set of learning experiences and challenges. PSM Biological Research is a peer-reviewed, open access, multidisciplinary, international journal which strives to allow students to share innovative and diverse perspectives with a wide audience.

Being closely involved with a journal month to month reveals the monumental amount of time and energy put in by many individuals, often voluntarily, behind the scenes, towards improving the journal, and their tireless efforts have made this year's edition a great success. Authors entrust us with manuscripts which are the result of months or years of work, reviewers write constructive commentaries to help the authors improve their manuscripts whilst maintaining rigorous review, and our Editorial Board and Associate Editors tirelessly lend their time and expertise to ensure the assessments we make are fair.

This issue covers a diverse group of manuscripts which include plant science, biology and medical science. The features of the articles in this volume touch upon developments in the spectrum of activities related to the field of biological sciences as applied to areas of basic and clinical research, reviews, case studies, data analysis, perspectives and editorials.

I would like offer thanks to our scientific advisors. Without your support and generosity this year's journal volume would never have become a reality. I would also like to offer my sincere thanks to the entire editorial board, staff editors and reviewers for their dedicated and thoughtful work throughout the year. They are well versed to assess the opportunities and challenges, the possibilities and limitations of research in life sciences. With their expert guidance the journal is extremely well placed to evaluate manuscripts on a wide range of topics

in biology and allied sciences. We will continue to provide rigorous review of the manuscripts we receive, with the goal to report the highest quality studies in life sciences.

I am confident that the published papers have achieved very high standard, both in terms of technical content and the quality of presentation, and that this volume represents the state of the art in life sciences. I would like to express my gratitude to all the authors for preparing the manuscripts carefully and for responding to the comments and suggestions of the Reviewers.

Lastly, I would like to thank you, the reader, for your continued support and interest in the *PSM Biological Research*. It has been exciting to see the journal develop as it enters into its sixth year and continues to mature. While there were many challenges to overcome, this experience was remarkably enjoyable and rewarding.

I would like to end by highlighting that as a publication of the PSM, we have provided free publications to our authors. Starting from the sixth volume (2021) we have decided to implement Article Processing Charges so that any profits we make through the APC's are reinvested back into the scientific community through the society's grants, support of regional and affinity group activities, advocacy, the annual PSM Congress and much more. We will continue to support researchers from developing countries by offering fee waivers in APC's. *PSM Biological Research* offers a generous waiver scheme for qualifying authors. Corresponding authors from [low-income](#) countries (as classified by the World Bank) are eligible to apply for 100% waiver on article processing charges (APCs). Corresponding authors from [lower middle-income](#) countries are eligible to apply for a 50% discount on APCs. PSM members will receive a receive a 15% discount on APCs. All Editors and Editorial Board Members of PSM journals are entitled to publish their articles free of charge. Discounts cannot be combined or

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PSM Biological Research is committed not only to publishing the best-quality scientific research in the area of biology and allied sciences, but also to supporting the continued success of the PSM and the field of biology; goals which we could not achieve without the many committed scientists who contribute to the journal in so many ways.

Thank you for your continued support.

Muhammad Naeem Iqbal

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