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A Message from the Editorial Board: Keeping Our Journal Strong for Maternal and Neonatal Health

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ABSTRACT

In 2025, the journal faced an unexpected pause in publication and delays in uploading several articles because of internal restructuring and external disruptions. The editorial transition coincided with the transformation of our center into an independent Research Institute, while war, internet interruptions, and international sanctions significantly affected academic communication and manuscript processing, limiting our ability to maintain the regular publication schedule.

Despite these challenges, the transition has offered an opportunity to strengthen the journal's foundations. Becoming a dedicated Research Institute enhances research capacity, supports interdisciplinary collaboration, and improves institutional backing for high-quality scientific publishing. This issue has been prepared to provide clinicians, researchers, and policymakers with reliable and up-to-date information, including scientific and clinical guidance, and educational resources on maternal, fetal, and neonatal health, bridging the gap between bench science, bedside interventions, and public health policy.

From 2026, the journal will adopt a continuous article publication model, allowing accepted manuscripts to be published online as soon as they are ready. This approach will reduce delays and speed up knowledge dissemination. Efforts to strengthen peer review, streamline manuscript handling, and align with international standards will support our long-term goal of indexing in major databases and expanding the journal's scientific impact.

Editorial

We would like to share a brief and transparent update with our readers, authors, and colleagues. During 2025, the journal experienced an unexpected pause in publication and delays in uploading some articles. These delays were not intentional and occurred under challenging circumstances.

Several factors came together at the same time. Our editorial team underwent some structural changes, and our center was in the middle of an important institutional transition toward becoming an independent Research Institute. At the same time, the broader academic environment in the country was facing significant disruptions. The recent war, periods of nationwide internet interruptions, and the ongoing international sanctions created serious obstacles for academic communication, journal management systems, and the timely exchange of manuscripts and reviews. Together, these circumstances affected our ability to process and upload articles according to our usual schedule.

Despite these difficulties, this period has also provided an opportunity to reorganize and strengthen our journal. The transition to a dedicated Research Institute marks an important step forward. It will allow us to expand our research capacity, foster stronger interdisciplinary collaboration, and provide improved institutional support for high-quality scientific publishing.

Our main priority remains ensuring that clinicians, researchers, and policymakers have access to reliable and up-to-date information. For this reason, the present issue has been carefully prepared with a selection of review

articles, scientific and clinical guidance, and educational resources that address important aspects of maternal, fetal, and neonatal health.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to announce an important development beginning in 2026. The journal will transition from a biannual publication schedule to a continuous article publication model, allowing accepted articles to be published online as soon as they are ready. This change will help reduce delays and ensure that new research findings reach the scientific community more quickly.

In parallel, we are strengthening our editorial and publication processes. Efforts are underway to enhance the peer-review system, streamline manuscript handling, and align the journal with international publishing standards. Our long-term goal is to achieve indexing in major international databases such as Scopus and PubMed, thereby increasing the visibility and impact of the research published in our journal.

We remain firmly committed to transparency, scientific rigor, and reliable scholarly communication. We deeply value the trust and contributions of our authors and reviewers, and we warmly invite researchers and clinicians to continue sharing their work with us as we move forward together in advancing maternal and neonatal health.

Sincerely, Dr. Mahta Mazaheri
Editor-in-Chief

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