

FOREWORD

Welcome to the supplementary issue of the 15th Annual Conference of the College of Medicine, Mustansiriyah University which was held in Baghdad on the 8th of April 2021. We received a good response from both national and international contributors (90 submissions). We followed strict criteria in the selection of the eligible studies. A large scientific committee primarily assessed all the submitted articles. Then a smaller scientific committee did a further filtration. The latter committee only selected the articles that followed the Journal of Pakistan Medical Association's (JPMA) strict criteria for publication. All the peer review process was in a double-blind manner. Finally, 40 articles made it to the final supplementary issue presented here.

The articles included have addressed problems and answered scientific questions related to the Iraqi population. The articles vary from surgery, medicine, paediatrics, molecular medicine and public health.

We thank our contributors, our team of reviewers, and our conference committees who worked hard day and night and made this achievement possible. We hope you will appreciate the quality of articles in this supplement, and take an active part in our next 16th conference meeting of the College of Medicine, Mustansiriyah University.

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