EDITORIAL

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Changing Diamond for Gold: Our New Editorial Policy

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We have an important announcement to make: starting with the 1st of January 2027, our journal will change the editorial policy and will introduce publishing charges for the authors.

For 35 years we have been happy to offer free publication to all the authors for their articles. This policy was supported by our sponsors and by the volunteer work of the people in the editorial office. Thus, we operated according to what is called "diamond publication model". Unfortunately, present conditions have determined us to change the publication policy and to move to a new step: open access publication based on author fees. As our journal production was largely based on the voluntary activity of a few members of the editorial office, and as more and more manuscripts were submitted in recent years, we had delays in the publication of accepted manuscripts. We are confident that with the new conditions, the processing of our manuscripts will become faster.

Considering that our journal is indexed by Clarivate in Q3 and by Scopus in Q2, we have decided to introduce publication fees. The fees are low and are based on our non-profit philosophy. Thus, we will adopt another publishing model: the "gold" one. At first sight, changing diamond for gold would be a regressive measure. However, financial experts know very well that the gold is a much better investment than diamond: it has higher transparent value and liquidity than diamond. We are confident that our publication policy will contribute to the preservation of our high standards and even allow us to progress.

We will continue to publish in the future free for:
- the members of the Romanian Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and the Romanian sister societies as displayed on our front page;
- the partners of these societies (common projects, studies, exchanges);
- invited manuscripts.

All other manuscripts will be charged as displayed on our website. The payment is due only if the manuscript is accepted and will have no impact on the acceptance policy. We will continue to accept only high-quality manuscripts (nowadays 10% of submissions).

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