

A new journal is born

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In the city of Weimar (Germany), in 1919, Walter Gropius (1883-1969) founded the Bauhaus, a school of art, design and architecture which aimed to combine artistic creativity with industrial production, defying traditional academies. Their motto was 'form follows function' (*Form folgt Funktion*), reflecting the idea that the design of an object or building should be guided by its practical usefulness, therefore getting rid of any unnecessary embellishment. As publishers, we have followed this concept not only in the minimalist aesthetic of our publications, but also as a guideline that directs all our processes.

We are pleased to present a scientific journal that seeks to disseminate information in the field of Clinical Toxicology. We intend to provide a platform where all aspects regarding an intoxicated patient are addressed, as well as breakthroughs in toxicological diagnostics and therapy. Fostering the dissemination of high-quality research allows toxicologists to make informed clinical decisions, so as to improve patient safety and care.

The journal is free to access, edited through peer review process and published in English. It is fully digital, committing to the preservation of natural resources and the environment. It also subscribes to the *Recommendations for the Conduct, Reporting, Editing, and Publication of Scholarly Work in Medical Journals* of the

International Committee of Medical Journal Editors' (ICMJE) and to the ethical guidelines established by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE).

In the last years, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have witnessed an alarming rise in the number of intoxications due to isolation, the increase in mental illness, and economic inequality. The health crisis has made visible the weaknesses and challenges we face not only as individuals, but as a community. This awkward mirror demands we take decisive and collaborative action to safeguard the wellbeing of the population and to foster a society that is safer and more aware of its future.

We thank all the editors, reviewers (both local and foreign) and assistants for all their experience and their commitment when preparing the articles. This allows us to offer a publication of the utmost scientific quality, ensuring that we abide by the international editorial standards. Additionally, we would like to highlight the selfless support of our families, teachers and colleagues, who have trusted this project since its inception.

We will work together to improve how we understand and handle intoxications, therefore protecting and promoting health in our community. A new journal is born to inspire toxicologists. Welcome to The Poison®.