

***GHM Open* — A new journal dedicated to advancing global health and medicine**

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Abstract: To generate high-quality evidence and serve as a platform for interdisciplinary communication regarding challenging issues in global health and medicine, we are launching a new open-access multispecialty journal — *GHM Open* (www.ghmopen.com) – with the goal of creating a network to share global health information and findings from basic science and clinical science for use in practice. *GHM Open* will be an inclusive and global journal; the diversity of our editorial board, authors, and reviewers will allow us to showcase rich and wide-ranging content, making it ever more relevant to researchers and clinicians around the world. The journal prioritizes specialized research with wider general relevance that will influence clinical care, global health, public health, medical education, and the direction of future research. We aim to be relevant, accessible, and enjoyable, not only to researchers but also to global health and medical care providers. We sincerely look forward to having you join us as a reader, author, reviewer, or editorial board member to address challenging issues in global health and medicine.

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Academic journals are responsible for facilitating the rapid dissemination of reliable information. This has become even more true amidst the challenges and unprecedented situations created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The sharing of data and global collaboration is leading to various solutions, including prediction of outbreaks, virus tracking, diagnosis and treatment, vaccine development, and drug research. Moreover, the rapid sharing of scientific information is an effective way to reduce public panic given the need for timely and reliable medical information during the COVID-19 pandemic (1,2).

The COVID-19 pandemic has been accompanied by an explosion in scientific discourse in peer-reviewed journals as research data and relevant findings are rapidly shared and highlighted to support the global response to this threat (3,4). Our first journal – *Global Health & Medicine* (www.globalhealthmedicine.com) – is an academic journal that actively disseminates reliable information and that has published a large number of articles since the outbreak, including two special issues on COVID-19 (5,6), in the hopes of contributing to the global fight against COVID-19 in any way possible.

The COVID-19 pandemic has reinforced the importance of robust journal processes in advancing knowledge and managing information. What is more, the dissemination of scientific information on other communicable diseases (CDs) and non-communicable

diseases (NCDs) is also important to advancing global health and medicine (7).

To generate high-quality evidence and serve as a platform for interdisciplinary communication regarding these challenging issues in global health and medicine, we are launching a new open-access multispecialty journal – *GHM Open* (www.ghmopen.com) – with the goal of creating a network to share global health information and findings from basic science and clinical science for use in practice.

GHM Open (Print ISSN 2436-293X, Online ISSN 2436-2956) is an international, open-access, peer-reviewed journal published by the National Center for Global Health and Medicine (NCGM), which is a national research and development institute in Japan that covers advanced general medicine, basic science, clinical science, and international medical collaboration. Closely aligned with *Global Health & Medicine*, *GHM Open* will provide an important forum for high-quality multidisciplinary communication targeting a broad international readership, and it will adopt the evaluation criteria, editorial standards, and author service being applied by *Global Health & Medicine*.

GHM Open is dedicated to publishing high-quality original research that helps to advance global health and medicine. Articles will cover the fields of global health, public health, and health care delivery as well as seminal research and the latest research on the intersection of biomedical science and clinical practice

in order to encourage interaction and collaboration among scientists and healthcare professionals around the world.

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GHM Open seeks to work closely with the international academic community to ensure that the research we publish is novel, high-quality, diverse in content, and timely. We sincerely look forward to having you join us as a reader, author, reviewer, or editorial board member to address challenging issues in global health and medicine. And we are always happy to receive suggestions regarding new ways and means of communicating important research findings.

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