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Dear Colleagues, Our Valuable Readers,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the first issue of our peer-reviewed academic journal named "**Intercontinental Journal of Emergency Medicine (ICJEM)**". As the editor-in-chief, I am thrilled to introduce this exciting new journal dedicated to advancing the field of emergency medicine. This first issue brings together a collection of interesting research and case reports, providing valuable insights and advancements in the field of emergency medicine. Our aim is to promote the dissemination of knowledge and stimulate discussion and collaboration among medical professionals, researchers, and academics. In this issue, we present five compelling articles, covering a range of topics in emergency medicine.

Our first article, "*Investigation of changes in MDH enzyme activity in epilepsy*" explores the potential use of malate dehydrogenase (MDH) as a biomarker for seizure classification. The authors conducted a prospective study on 65 patients with epilepsy and found a statistically significant difference in MDH levels between focal-onset and generalized-onset epilepsy patients. The second article delves into the topic of "*Infectious diseases that can occur after an earthquake: a review*". The authors discuss the factors that facilitate the development of infections after earthquakes, including lack of clean water, food, hygiene, and problems with city infrastructure. The article highlights the importance of monitoring infectious diseases and implementing appropriate public health measures to prevent epidemics. In the third article, "*Lemmel syndrome: a rare cause of obstructive jaundice (case report)*" the authors present a case of the periampullary duodenal diverticulum (PAD) causing obstructive jaundice. The fourth article, "*Paraplegia and fatal outcome following cervical fracture and dislocation due to blunt trauma: a case study*" presents a rare case of cervical fracture secondary to blunt trauma, leading to death. Finally, the fifth article, "*Case report: Sudden death of a female adolescent due to inferior vena cava thrombosis and pulmonary embolism*" discusses a rare and deadly case of pulmonary embolism in a young patient. The authors urge clinicians to consider the possibility of vena cava inferior thrombosis and pulmonary embolism, even in young patients, and to be prepared to manage such challenging cases.

As we embark on this new journey together, I would like to thank the authors, reviewers, editorial team and publisher for their hard work and dedication in bringing this first issue to fruition. I also would like to thank our readers for their support and interest in the **Intercontinental Journal of Emergency Medicine (ICJEM)**. We look forward to providing you with the latest insights and developments in emergency medicine, and we welcome your feedback and suggestions.

Sincerely,

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