

Six years paving the path for indexation

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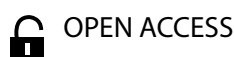
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The *Alerta* journal of the National Institute of Health (INS) of El Salvador is more than a digital medium for scientific knowledge dissemination in health. It is now a country project that promotes research and publication culture. With this twelfth edition corresponding to volume six, number one of 2023, it begins its sixth year of life.

Since 2018, the journal has had its first steps and prepared the conditions to comply with international standards and good publishing practices through the formulation of technical standard, procedures manual and style manual, and essential documents for publication. They have been updated several times to date, as a result of the updated several times as a result of their evolution and development.

No less important are the interest and collaboration of reknown national and international researchers who were or continue to be part of the scientific committee and editorial committee. They have been gradually internationalized, seeking to broaden their vision and impact.

Alerta began its indexing process in regional databases such as Latindex, a Regional Online Information System for Scientific Journals of Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain, and Portugal. To date, *Alerta* has undoubtedly taken firm steps in the straightening of a window to the scientific world in which national and international researchers can do any publishing with the confidence that scientific rigor is a cross-cutting concept in all stages of the editorial process.

It has allowed progressive strengthening and improved the editorial quality and scien-

tific contributions for six years. It also allowed its acceptance in prestigious databases and indexes such as the Ibero-American Network of Innovation and Scientific Knowledge (Redib)¹ and the Information Matrix for the Analysis of Journals (MIAR) in Spain.

Alerta began its indexing process in regional databases. The acceptance in an index that marked the most relevant transformations of the journal was to have met the criteria for indexing in LILACS (Latin American and the Caribbean Literature in Health Sciences). Subsequently, *ALERTA* submitted to the Latin American Bibliography (BIBLAT) and PERIÓDICA (Index of Latin American Journals in Science). These are projects supported by the National Autonomous University of Mexico, which contribute relevant metrics to the journal.

The acceptance in AmelICA², a communication infrastructure for academic publishing and open science, contributed to the journal offering different products such as PDF, ePUB, XML, HTML, and viewer for different devices.

This path has been one of perseverance. Thus, we recently celebrated the indexing of *Alerta* in the Network of Scientific Journals of Latin America and the Caribbean, Spain, and Portugal (Redalyc)³. Likewise, the 100 percent translation of the journal into English is an achievement of the year 2022, which represents a relevant fact that favors the dissemination, visibility, and number of citations received per publication and authors of the journal and, therefore, its impact.

The projection for the immediate and mediate future in this project, which is a flagship of great value, is to consolidate the

indexing in Web of Science and Scopus. Complying with these criteria⁴ is our new challenge and commitment to our readers and authors to provide writing courses for reviewers to improve their skills. However, our most relevant vision at this stage is to adopt a multilingual policy that will undoubtedly be a more economical approach than translating all articles into English and offering them in electronic format. It seeks to favor even more the international citation of articles, without forgetting that despite living in the era of globalization, we must firmly maintain the richness offered by the expression of different languages and, particularly, continue to support the native language of our journal, Spanish.

In this issue, we are pleased to publish two original articles: dealing with occupational stress and mental health of front-line personnel in COVID-19 care, and clinical epidemiological characterization of patients under or equal to 40 years old with breast cancer at the Dr. María Isabel Rodríguez National Women's Hospital. Also, three striking case reports from different areas of medicine are presented such as abdominal angiostrongyliasis: a case reported in an elderly adult patient with cecal perforation, a hemophagocytic syndrome associated with varicella and a case report on erythroplasia of Queyrat, three narrative reviews entitled current applications of ultrasonography in anesthesia, physical and psychological consequences of obstetric violence in Latin American countries, and the use of cannabidiol for the control of refractory neurological symptoms in patients with convulsive syndromes and neurodegenerative diseases, a systematic review of pulmonary histopathological findings associated with COVID-19. Finally, two letters to the editor were on highly relevant topics as contributions to neonatal care from the Iberoamerican Society of Neonatology and results of the use of the Rapidec® carba NP test in El Salvador.

It is important to note that 57 % of the authors in this issue are women. It is a contribution that helps to reduce the gender gap in science, particularly in scientific publications, because throughout history, women

have been at a disadvantage to access to scientific training, the possibility of writing scientific research articles, and the recognition that this implies in societies⁵. Due to the relevant role of science, technology, and innovation play central axes in the social and economic development of peoples, we are pleased with this news on behalf of all the women who publish today. We hope the journal will be strengthened and become increasingly sustainable.

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