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The Birth of JBMR Plus

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It is with great pleasure that we announce the birth of a new, online, fully open-access sister Journal to JBMR, JBMR Plus.

JBMR Plus aims to accelerate the research into bone biology that has underpinned the recent innovative and targeted therapeutic advances in bone and mineral research. The NIH-mandated needs for reproducibility and excellence in study design, as well as those for open access, will also be well served by JBMR Plus.

The recent growth in interdisciplinary research involving endocrinology, geriatrics, orthopedics, and rheumatology also provides a timely opportunity to develop JBMR Plus, which is designed to serve all members of this multidisciplinary field by publishing research of the highest quality and impact.

JBMR Plus will publish original research, reviews, detailed protocols and methods, and special articles in basic, translational, and clinical science relevant to bone, musculoskeletal metabolism, and regenerative medicine research. We welcome research on osteoimmunology, as well as research on fat, muscle, cartilage, and kidney interactions with bone.

Clinical studies, including trials and observational studies, and epidemiology and pharmacoepidemiology studies are encouraged. JBMR Plus also welcomes manuscripts on orthopedics, stem cell therapies, specialized biomechanics protocols, novel imaging techniques, and big data. JBMR Plus encourages the direct submissions of manuscripts including original research articles, case reports, and reviews.

In addition to direct submissions, the editorial teams of JBMR and JBMR Plus will work closely together on the referral of manuscripts to JBMR Plus. Articles that are
of great interest but do not quite meet the level of *JBMR* will be considered for transfer to *JBMR Plus*, subject to the authors’ approval. Reviews received by *JBMR* will be made available to *JBMR Plus*, thus expediting the turnaround time of the paper and sparing reviewer time. Papers that have been rejected by *JBMR* with internal review (triage) will be subjected to full peer review if they are transferred to *JBMR Plus*. Additionally, we are happy to offer a 20% discount to all papers referred from *JBMR* and a 15% discount to ASBMR members who submit directly to *JBMR Plus*.

The birth of *JBMR Plus* coincides with the 40th anniversary of the ASBMR and follows the year of *JBMR*’s 30th anniversary. The new journal will serve the ASBMR membership by increasing opportunities for publication of their research and will provide a companion journal for *JBMR*. We look forward to witnessing the development and growth of *JBMR Plus* as a rapidly responsive and innovative home for new discoveries that will ultimately improve global musculoskeletal health.

For further information regarding the editorial team, author guidelines, and submission site, please visit www.jbmrplus.org.

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