Eighty-eight percent of countries face the serious burden of malnutrition of either two or three forms, such as acute and/or chronic undernutrition, micronutrient deficiencies, obesity, and diet-related diseases (including type II diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, and certain types of cancer) [1]. The causes of malnutrition are complex and multifaceted; however, one of the primary contributors to malnutrition is diet, a complex problem itself, affected by many factors ranging from personal preferences to the availability and distribution of foods [1]. If left unaddressed, it is estimated that the global number of undernourished people in 2030 would exceed 840 million [2].

MDPI is a global company and as we celebrate our 25th anniversary this year [3] we wanted to reflect upon some of the pressing global issues we face. As one of the top four scholarly journal publishers in the world [4,5], we would like to contribute to raising awareness of the importance of diet and nutrition. Based on our success in publishing journals that represent important topics related to nutrition and dietetics, such as Nutrients [6], Foods [7], Beverages [8], and Dairy [9], we are launching a new journal entitled Dietetics (ISSN 2674-0311). It is an open access journal on all aspects of human dietetics [10]. We welcome the broad research community with expertise in human dietetics to contribute to the development of this platform, with the shared goal of accelerating the advancement of scientific knowledge on reducing undernourishment all over the world.

As with other MDPI journals, we will maintain a fast and rigorous peer review process for this new journal. We hope that you will enjoy publishing with us.

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