



Editorial

The New Voice for the New Era of *Thalassemia Reports*

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The recent transfer of *Thalassemia Reports*, the only journal fully dedicated on Thalassemia, from PagePress to MDPI was great news for those who contributed to the spread of the journal. Our editorial and publishing teams appreciate the help of PagePress publishing in making this a very smooth transition.

Our journal has been including all people who have been involved in making a relevant contribution to thalassemia management and research. The main goal of this open-access journal was to carry ahead with a look at two crucial issues.

The first was to give voice to all groups working in developing countries where thalassemia and haemoglobinopathies are most common and where the progresses for the control and management of these diseases have been more impressive and relevant.

The second one was to give room to the Association of Thalassemia Patients. This was one of the reasons why *Thalassemia Reports* published recommendations and papers submitted by the Thalassemia International Federation.

The challenge for the next years will be to give voice to the amazing changes in the treatment of these diseases, looking at the all innovative treatments that are coming to the bed of the patients.

Indeed, the scenario of curing thalassemia and hemoglobinopathies is dramatically changing and cell erythroid maturation [1], gene therapy [2] and gene editing [3] are the new paradigm approaches with which we have to face in the next years.

This journal would like to address, during the next years, these issues, looking, at the same time, at giving voice to any claim for guaranteeing worldwide access to these new treatments. This is a crucial issue, above all after the announcement, on Monday 23 August 2021, by Bluebird-bio to end commercial operations in Europe for gene therapy, claiming that it has been too difficult to convince European Union member governments to pay high prices upfront for treatments.

Therefore, all of you are invited to submit your experience and your research on this journal for contributing to reaching these ambitious aims of *Thalassemia Reports* [4].

Have a nice and wonderful 2022!

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