EDITORIAL PREFACE

Jordan Journal of Biological Sciences (JJBS) has had another great year. We have seen a significant increase in articles submission from both regional and international scholars. The editorial board members of JJBS have been very busy throughout the year to maintain excellence in the quality publication of accepted papers. As a result, JJBS has been indexed by CABI's Full-Text Repository, EBSCO and is currently under evaluation to be indexed in National Library of Medicine's MEDLINE\ PubMed system and Elsevier's SciVerse Scopus. As in the previous two years, this sixth volume of JJBS will include four issues, ten to twelve articles in each issue. In the coming year, it is my vision to have JJBS publishes more outstanding papers and review articles from distinguished scholars in various areas of biological sciences. In addition, I will be working on the inclusion of JJBS in ISI, which will lead to a wider readership and good impact factor. As you read throughout this inaugural volume of JJBS, I would like to remind you that the success of our journal depends directly on the number of quality articles submitted for review. Accordingly, I would like to request your participation by submitting quality manuscripts for review and by encouraging your colleagues to do the same. One of the great benefits we can provide to our prospective authors, regardless of acceptance of their manuscript or not, is the mentoring nature of our review process. JJBS provides authors with high quality, helpful reviews that are shaped to assist authors in improving their manuscripts.

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Moreover, and as always, I would like to highlight and proudly thank the group of authoritative reviewers, both local and international, who have done an outstanding work. We are honored to have you on our review list and many thanks for your valuable mentorship and contributions you provided to authors. Indeed, we count on your excellent reviews to include only high quality articles worthy of publication in JJBS. Together, we strive to make JJBS reach a remarkable rank among other international journals. I very much appreciate your support to make JJBS one of the most authoritative journals in biological sciences.

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