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Important Stage in the Development of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery and Its Science: *Bariatric Surgery Cases and Reviews*: A New Peer-Reviewed Journal

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this inaugural editorial is to introduce to the attention of the global surgical community a new open access and peer-reviewed journal titled *Bariatric Surgery Cases and Reviews* (BSCR). The term “bariatrics” was coined in 1961 by Dr. Raymond E. Dietz, from the Greek root “bar-” (“weight”), suffix “-iatr” (“treatment”), and suffix “-ic” (“pertaining to”). And the goal of bariatric surgeries is to modify the stomach and intestines to treat obesity and related diseases. Bariatric surgery is rapidly developing in the world in general and in Ukraine in particular. According to data, around the globe, the number of performed bariatric surgeries has doubled in 8 years. So, this journal is designed to meet the need of authors for a highly specialized journal dedicated specifically to the publication of case and review articles in metabolic and bariatric surgery. Together with the publisher, OMF Publishing, our editorial team adopted a publishing model that allows articles to be published in the *Article in Press* status immediately after the review process and acceptance of the manuscript for publication. Thanks to article numbering, articles will not have to wait in line for typesetting but will be immediately published and assigned to a specific annual volume. Thus, similarly to other international open access journals, BSCR will operate in a continuous publication mode where articles are posted online as soon as they have completed the production process in a fully citable form with a digital object identifier (DOI). The article also provides an analysis of the publishing models of international surgical peer-reviewed journals with relevant conclusions for new journals. This paper sheds light on the process of choosing a name for a journal and the processes of state registration of a peer-reviewed online journal as an online media. Moreover, the original registration documents in Ukrainian are provided. In sum, we will paraphrase a quote from Noah Bowman: “Some people see surgeries as techniques, we see stories waiting to be told.” Thus, we sincerely invite

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national and foreign authors to submit their interesting manuscripts for peer review and further publication in this new unique bariatric and metabolic surgery journal.

KEY WORDS

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Never stop learning, because life never stops teaching.
—Chad Hurley
Co-founder of the YouTube

Dear readers, we are happy to present to your attention the inaugural editorial of a completely new journal titled *Bariatric Surgery Cases and Reviews* (BSCR). The BSCR is launched as an open access and peer-reviewed publication (Fig 1) dedicated for bariatric surgeons and professionals of neighboring specialties. Learning and training are continuous life and professional processes of surgeons of all specialties. And peer-reviewed journals are core source of mastering the most modern techniques and surgical practices. In contrast to bariatricians (i.e., bariatric physicians), who specialize in the medical treatment of obesity and related disorders without surgical intervention, bariatric surgeons perform weight-loss surgeries [1].

The term “bariatrics” was coined in 1961 by Dr. Raymond E. Dietz [2], from the Greek root “bar-” (“weight”), suffix “-iatr” (“treatment”), and suffix “-ic” (“pertaining to”) [3].

Eisenberg and colleagues (2023) emphasized that

metabolic and bariatric surgery is recommended for individuals with a body mass index (BMI) ≥ 35 kg/m², regardless of presence, absence, or severity of co-morbidities [4]. Metabolic and bariatric surgery should be considered for individuals with metabolic disease and BMI of 30-34.9 kg/m² [4].

The BMI is a standard way to define overweight, obesity, and morbid obesity [5]. According to Torpy and colleagues (2005), bariatric surgery may be offered to patients with severe obesity when medical treatments, including lifestyle changes of healthful eating and regular exercise, have not been effective [5]. Also, bariatric surgery improves control of diabetes through both weight-dependent and weight-independent actions (Affinati and colleagues, 2019) [6].

Anita P. Courcoulas (2023) reported about a 2022 joint statement from the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery and the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders which summarises the most current literature and updates the indications for metabolic and bariatric surgical procedures [7].

Bariatric surgery is rapidly developing in the world

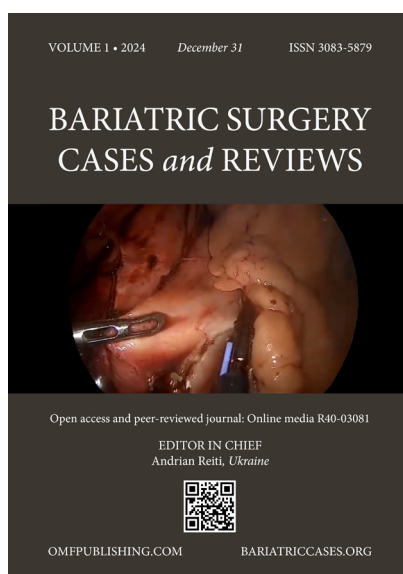


FIGURE 1. Cover page of the inaugural volume of the *Bariatric Surgery Cases and Reviews*.