## **FOREWORD MESSAGE**

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MMSA's annual student journal, Minima Medica serves as a platform for medical students to share their scientific endeavours with their peers. Minima medica accepts all submissions, to ensure that all students have the opportunity to published their work without any hindrances. Yet, minima medica employed a blinded peer-review process, thanks to the contribution of local experts who graciously accepted our invitation to review this year's submissions. Thus, on behalf of minima medica I would like to extend my sincere appreciation, in no particular order, to the following academics:

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I hope this year's instalment will inspire other medical students to conduct and publish their own research, while encouraging them to further pursue opportunities for their personal growth.