



**Memorandum of Understanding
for Scientific Cooperation and Collaboration
between
Latin American Endodontic Society (SELA)
and
Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS)**

Preamble:

In recognition of their shared commitment to the advancement of knowledge and education, the Latin American Endodontic Society (SELA) and Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS) (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties") agree to the following Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote educational collaboration through the implementation of "Online Journal Clubs."

This program was initially proposed by Mohammad Hossein Nekoofar to the Mexican Endodontic Society (AME). AME then recommended to SELA that the program be expanded to include all Latin American members. After discussions with the President of SELA, the program was subsequently approved.

Article 1: Objective

The objective of this MoU is to establish a cooperative framework between the Parties for the critical appraisal of published papers in peer-reviewed journals through "Online Journal Clubs." These clubs will facilitate analytical discussions on the clinical applicability of these articles, using online technologies, including social media platforms.

Article 2: Areas of Cooperation

The Parties agree to collaborate in the following areas:

1. Joint Development: Collaborate on the development of online journal clubs.
2. Promotion: Promote the online journal clubs through social media, emails, and websites.
3. Exchange of Information: Facilitate the exchange of information, documentation, and materials where appropriate.
4. Coordination of Projects: Coordinate joint projects through the respective offices of the Parties.



Article 3: Implementation

The Parties commit to facilitating the necessary formalities related to the preparation, negotiation, and execution of activities under this MoU. The Parties shall maintain close and direct contact throughout the duration of this MoU. This MoU imposes no financial obligations on either Party. Each Party will endeavor to obtain external funding to support their activities. This program is a non-profit initiative focused solely on the transfer of scientific knowledge.

Article 4: Duration and Termination

This MoU shall become effective upon the date of its last signature and will remain in force for 18 months. The MoU may be renewed by mutual written consent of the Parties within three months prior to the expiration date. Either Party may terminate this MoU by providing written notice to the other Party at least three months prior to the intended termination date.

Article 5: Promotion

Each party shall have the opportunity to promote journal clubs on social media platforms.

Article 6: Designated Contacts

The Parties will designate contact persons to oversee the implementation of this MoU:

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Secretary, Latin American Endodontic Society (SELA)

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Article 7: Signatures

This MoU is signed by the undersigned representatives of the Parties on August 18th, 2024

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Signature: Hugo Muñoz

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