Dear readers:

This newsletter presents some of the results achieved by Biomédica during 2017. We would be grateful if you let us know your helpful comments on this information.

The following are the regular issues published during the year:

**Biomédica, volume 38, issue 1**
**Publication date:** March, 2018
**Cover:** Rhizopus orizae sporangiophore and sporangiospores isolated from a patient.
**Editorial:** The redistribution of disease in Colombia: The role of academia in decision-making
**Available from:** https://www.revistabiomedica.org/index.php/biomedica/issue/view/153

**Biomédica, volume 38, issue 2**
**Publication date:** June, 2018
**Cover:** Cross-section of the spinal cord of a mouse 32 hours after its inoculation with rabies virus in the hamstrings muscles. A motor neuron immunoreactive to the virus can be seen in the ventral horn,10x
**Editorial:** Health economics and public health: Global situation and local perspectives
**Available from:** https://www.revistabiomedica.org/index.php/biomedica/issue/view/155

**Biomédica, volume 38, issue 3**
**Publication date:** September, 2018
**Cover:** CDK5 RNAi-induced immature neurons in ischemic rats (green: green fluorescent protein, GFP). Immunoreaction in granular, subgranular and polymorphous zones at 15 days from ischeemia in treated and non-treated rats (red: doubletector protein, DCX; blue: bromodeoxyuridine, BrdU).
**Editorial:** Genetic polymorphism in Colombian populations and its importance for public health
**Available from:** https://www.revistabiomedica.org/index.php/biomedica/issue/view/159

**Biomédica, volume 38, issue 4**
**Publication date:** December, 2018
**Cover:** Dermacentor andersoni, adult female, 2,5X. Specimen, Julio César Giraldo Forero, Entomology Collection, ectoparasites, Parasitology and Tropical Microbiology Research Group, Biology Program, Universidad INCCA de Colombia, Bogotá, D.C., Colombia
**Editorial:** Integrated control of ticks and its importance for public health
**Available from:** https://www.revistabiomedica.org/index.php/biomedica/issue/view/161
We also published the following thematic supplements:

**Biomédica, volume 38, supplement 1**

**Chronic diseases**

**Publication date:** May, 2018

**Cover:** Moderately differentiated ductal adenocarcinoma of the pancreas. A conglomerate of ductal cells presenting three-dimensionality and nuclear superposition can be seen. Hematoxylin and eosin, 40X, AmScope™ B120C-E1 microscope with AmScope™ MU300 camera

Andrés Eduardo Duque, Citology and Patological Anatomy Group, Dr. José María Vargas Hospital, Caracas, Venezuela

**Editorial:** Chronic diseases

Enrique Ardila

**Available from:**


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**Biomédica, volume 38, supplement 2**

**Tropical medicine**

**Publication date:** October, 2018

**Cover:** Comparison of sizes of some hematophagous insects. The smallest insect with 2 mm is *Lutzomyia longipalpis* followed by *Culex quinquefasciatus* with double this length, and almost nine times bigger a specimen of *Rhodnius prolirus*

Nikon D7000™ camera, 105 mm macro lens, escala 1,1: 1

Fotografía de Raúl Pardo, Grupo de Entomología, Dirección de Investigación en Salud Pública, Instituto Nacional de Salud, Bogotá, D. C., Colombia

**Editorial:** The drama of neglected tropical diseases

Iván Darío Vélez

**Available from:**

https://www.revistabiomedica.org/index.php/biomedica/issue/view/162
Information on manuscripts published in 2018 by categories

During 2018, Biomédica published four regular issues in March, June, September and December, and two thematic supplements in May and October. A total 106 manuscripts were published in the following categories:

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| **Biomédica Vol. 38, No. 1, March, 2018** | Electronic | Editorial: 1  
Case presentation: 4  
Original articles: 11  
Technical note: 1  
**Total: 17 manuscripts** |
| **Biomédica Vol. 38, No. 2, June, 2018** | Electronic | Editorial: 1  
Case presentations: 2  
Essay: 1  
Original articles: 11  
Short communication: 2  
**Total: 17 manuscripts** |
| **Biomédica Vol. 38, No. 3, September, 2018** | Electronic | Editorial: 1  
Case presentation: 3  
Original articles: 12  
Topic review: 1  
**Total: 17 manuscripts** |
| **Biomédica Vol. 38, No. 4, December, 2018** | Electronic | Editorial: 1  
Case presentation: 2  
Original articles: 14  
**Total: 17 manuscripts** |
| **Biomédica Vol. 38, Suppl. 1, Chronic diseases, May, 2018** | Electronic | Editorial: 1  
Images in biomedicine: 1  
Case presentations: 2  
Original articles: 13  
Short communication: 1  
**Total: 18 manuscripts** |
| **Biomédica Vol. 38, Suppl. 2, Tropical medicine, October, 2018** | Electronic | Editorial: 1  
Case presentation: 3  
Original articles: 12  
Short communications: 1  
**Total: 17 manuscripts** |

Manuscripts published in advance until December 31, 2018

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| **Biomédica Vol. 39, No. 1, March, 2019** | Electronic | Case presentations: 1  
Original articles: 13  
Short communication: 1  
Topic review: 1  
| **Biomédica Vol. 39, Suppl. 1, Medical microbiology, 2019** | Electronic | Case presentations: 1  
Original articles: 12  
Short communications: 1  
History: 1  
Topic review: 1  
**Total: 16 manuscripts** | https://www.revistabiomedica.org/index.php/biomedica/issue/view/164 |
| **Biomédica Vol. 39, No. 2, June, 2019** | Electronic | Case presentations: 2  
Original articles: 14  
Short communications: 1  
Technical note: 1  
**Total: 18 manuscripts** | https://www.revistabiomedica.org/index.php/biomedica/issue/view/165 |
| **Biomédica Vol. 39, No. 3, September, 2019** | Electronic | Case presentations: 3  
Original articles: 9  
Short communications: 1  
**Total: 13 manuscripts** | https://www.revistabiomedica.org/index.php/biomedica/issue/view/166 |
Manuscripts received during 2018 by categories and institutions

Table 1. Manuscripts by categories

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Table 2. Manuscripts by authors’ institutional affiliation

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Manuscripts received during 2018 according to their stage in the editorial process

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<td>Accepted</td>
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<td>Rejected</td>
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<td>Still in editorial process</td>
<td>85</td>
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**Highlights**

- As of 2018, the Editorial Committee has been implementing the tool *iThenticate* as part of the editorial review process of manuscripts received for publication. This program helps to detect eventual similarities in the articles as compared to those included in different databases and scientific journals to verify their originality. We are sure that this tool will contribute to the continuous quality improvement of our publication.

- According to the Journal Citation Reports for 2017, which is published in June 2018, *Biomédica’s* impact factor was 0.620 during that year, and 0.875 during the last five years.

- According to Google Analytics, from January 1 to December 31, 2018, *Biomédica’s* Web site (www.revistabiomedica.org) received 1,089,432 visits from 183 countries, 88% of which corresponded to new users and 12% to frequent users; 73.4% of users consulted the Web site using computers while 24.7% used cell phones, and 2.3%, tablets. Users visiting the journal’s Web site were mainly from Colombia, México, Perú, Spain, United States, Argentina, Ecuador, Chile, Venezuela and Bolivia.

- During 2018, *Biomédica* registered 3,098 followers in Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/RevistaBiomedicalNS), i.e., 632 more than during the same period in 2017, while followers through Twitter (https://twitter.com/Biomedica_INS) amounted to 1.466, i.e., 474 more than a year ago. The participation of the virtual community through both social networks also increased: in Facebook our contents were shared 344 times and there were 4,832 clicks in links, 1,521 likes, 100 comments and eight messages on the wall; in Twitter, tweets were shared 825 times and there were 1,146 clicks in links, 1,278 likes, 80 mentions by users, and 15 replies to tweets. These figures show the interest of the scientific community and the general public in accessing *Biomédica’s* contents in a quick and easy way through social networks.

- Finally, we wish to express our gratefulness to all our editors, to the scientific community and to the national and international reviewers for their contribution to our purpose of continued growth in support of national and regional scientific production.