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We are pleased to introduce the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Health Geography and Public Health (JHGPH)*, an open-access, transdisciplinary and multidisciplinary peer-reviewed journal dedicated to publishing high-quality research in *health geography, urban health, human health and well-being, spatial epidemiology, disease ecology, environmental pollution and human risk assessment, public health, global health, epidemiology, social and behavioral sciences, sexual and reproductive health, population health, spatial aspects of health care delivery, health care policy, and medical research*.

The *Journal of Health Geography and Public Health* aims to provide a scholarly platform for interdisciplinary research at the intersection of geography (especially spatial, environmental, and place-based analysis) and public health. It seeks to foster understanding of how geographic, environmental, and spatial factors influence health outcomes and health disparities, and how public health policy, planning, and interventions can be informed by geographic evidence.

Specifically, the purpose of the journal is to:

- To publish original empirical research that uses spatial or geographic methods (e.g. GIS, mapping, spatial statistics, remote sensing) to study public health problems: disease distribution, environmental exposures, health service access, etc.
- To promote studies of the social determinants of health that emphasize how place including built environment, climate, socio-economic geography, urban/rural contexts shapes health and disease.
- To encourage work on health inequities, illustrating how geographic patterns contribute to unequal health outcomes among different populations.
- To include methodological development in geospatial analysis as applied to public health: new tools, new mapping/visualisation techniques, spatial modelling, etc.
- To support translational research: how geographic insights can be translated into public health planning, policy, and interventions (for example, positioning health facilities, targeting resources, environmental health risk mitigation).
- To foster cross-disciplinary collaboration between geographers, epidemiologists, public health practitioners, environmental scientists, urban planners, policy makers, and others.
- To emphasize global and local scales work in both developed and developing contexts, rural and urban settings.

At JHGPH, with a diligent and committed Editorial Board, we are dedicated to advancing rigorous, high-quality research while making knowledge freely accessible to all. Through constructive and fair peer review,

we help authors strengthen their work, and by embracing open access, we ensure that it inform, inspire and benefit academics and non-academics worldwide.

The *Journal of Health Geography and Public Health (JHGPH)* invites submissions for upcoming issues. We welcome high-quality, original research articles, reviews, case studies, and short communications at the intersection of **geography, spatial analysis, and public health**. The topics of interest include (but are not limited to):

- Spatial epidemiology and disease mapping
- Environmental exposures, pollution, and health risk assessment
- Geographic information systems (GIS) and remote sensing applications in health
- Access to health services and health-care delivery from a geographic perspective
- Social determinants of health and spatial health inequalities
- Urban/rural health disparities and planning for healthier cities
- Climate change, resilience, and public health adaptation
- Methodological advances in geospatial health research
- Global and regional public health interventions informed by geography

Conflicts of Interest

The author declares no conflict of interest.