

## ONE HEALTH: A STRATEGIC IMPERATIVE FOR THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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*According to the World Health Organization “One Health is an integrated, unifying approach that aims to sustainably balance and optimize the health of people, animals and ecosystems. (...) By linking humans, animals and the environment, One Health can help to address the full spectrum of disease control – from prevention to detection, preparedness, response and management – and contribute to global health security (WHO-One Health)”.*

*It is therefore evident that advancing an integrated and forward-looking vision of health is no longer, but imperative. The One Health approach provides a powerful and necessary framework for addressing the multifaceted nature of today’s public health challenges, from emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases to the far-reaching consequences of environmental change.*

*In this context, One Health & Risk Management stands out as a timely and essential academic platform, committed to fostering interdisciplinary research and meaningful scientific exchange. By bridging disciplines and uniting expertise, this journal plays a critical role in generating robust, evidence-based solutions and in strengthening the connection between research, practice, and policy.*

*From the standpoint of biostatistics and epidemiology, such initiatives are strategically crucial. Rigorous research methodologies grounded in good epidemiological practice, high-quality data, and robust analytical methods constitute the pillars for translating evidence into resilient, responsive, and sustainable health systems. Platforms such as this journal are instrumental in advancing these objectives and in shaping the future of public health.*

*I warmly commend the editorial team for their vision, leadership, and commitment to scientific excellence. I am confident that One Health & Risk Management will establish itself as a leading voice in the global public health community, driving innovation, fostering collaboration, and contributing meaningfully to a healthier and more secure world.*

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