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Many people always talk about what characteristics a scientist should have, in my opinion, a scientist is like a child, a person whose creativity is always active and lives rediscovering the world, paying attention to small details that seem invisible to others but that become so important for ending changing the reality we know. Scientists are critical and persevering, and although many think that we are only locked up in the laboratory, the scientist is the friendliest being that many can meet because he understands from his humility that he must form giant teams and networks so that science fulfills its objective. Scientists in this special edition of the journal have those characteristics.

The importance of networks and interaction in science is vital to continue in the scientific advance, that was something that I confirmed making this edition. Being in the preparation of this journal as an invited editor lets me have contact with talented scientists. I feel so proud to see in this edition quality research from different parts of Latin America, giving us an idea of the potential of the region. All authors in this number are admirable scientists.

In my doctoral training, I learned to face failure, value small achievements, and not stop dreaming. I learned in the classes to see the neurosciences in another way, I understood that beyond knowing a lot about a subject, you must love it to break down the aspects concerning it thoroughly that you are investigating so as not to lose love for what you do. Then I remembered the importance of working for science in the dissemination of knowledge. It's an honor to be part of this journal and continue with the legacy of my mentors.

Enjoy this special number with amazing research from scientists in Mexico, Colombia, and Perú who work every day on solutions in microbiology, public health, critical medicine, and cancer research. Latin America is full of talent and has the potential to grow in science. I appreciate so much the opportunity to work with my research network and give you excellent articles that the editorial board chose after an exhaustive process looking forward to the quality and innovation.