



Word from the Editor-in-Chief

Dear Readers,

two hundred and fifty three days ago, on February 24, 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine, marking a steep escalation of the Russo-Ukrainian War, which had begun in 2014. According to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights data sources, by October 31, 2022, as a result of the conflict, at least 16,295 civilian casualties in the country: 6430 killed (2511 men, 1716 women, 167 girls, and 201 boys, as well as 34 children and 1801 adults whose sex is yet unknown) and 9865 injured (2107 men, 1515 women, 205 girls, and 292 boys, as well as 242 children and 5504 adults whose sex is yet unknown). The military actions forced at millions of Ukrainians to flee abroad, mainly women and children. Property damage in Ukraine has cost in hundreds of billions USD.

It is believed that the actual figures are considerably higher, as the receipt of information from some locations where intense hostilities have been going on has been delayed and many reports are still pending corroboration. This facts must not be unnoticed and despite every other values appreciated in the world of science as international scientific journal Polish Annals of Medicine is obliged to immediately sever all contacts and cooperation with all institutions and their employees from Russia and Belarus. This is in accordance with the decision made on March 4, 2022 by the authorities of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland.

This decision is directly related to the military aggression of these countries against Ukraine and is both an expression of solidarity with the Ukrainian people and a sign of condemnation of the actions of the Russian and Belarusian authorities.

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