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It gives us immense pleasure to present this JPMAS Special Supplement to our readers, published as an adjunct to the 7th Annual Neuro-Oncology Symposium (7ANOS) organized by the Pakistan Society of Neuro-Oncology (PASNO) and the Pakistan Academy of Neurological Surgery (PANS) being held from 2–4 October 2026 at Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC), Karachi, Pakistan. The theme of the symposium, "Neuro-Oncology in the Real World: Challenges, Innovations, and Impact," serves as the guiding focus for the scientific content, and abstracts were invited with this theme in mind.

A total of 168 abstracts were received and reviewed in accordance with the Journal of the Pakistan Medical Association (JPMA) publication standards. All submissions underwent a rigorous double-blinded peer-review process following standard JPMA policy. Each abstract was independently reviewed by two reviewers, while complete confidentiality of both authors and reviewers was strictly maintained. Only those abstracts recommended for publication by both reviewers and found to be relevant to the conference theme were accepted for publication. Abstracts that did not meet the required publication standards or were not aligned with the conference theme were not considered for publication.

Following the peer-review process, 37 abstracts were accepted for publication in this Special Supplement. A few accepted abstracts were subsequently withdrawn by their authors. We would also like to acknowledge that several abstracts of good scientific quality could not be accepted because they fell outside the scope of the conference theme or could not be accommodated within the limited space and timeline available for this Special Supplement.

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