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On the 28th December 2018, Acta Médica Portuguesa published the article “Recommendations About Multiple Sclerosis Management During Pregnancy, Partum and Post-Partum: Consensus Position of The Portuguese Multiple Sclerosis Study Group and The Portuguese Society of Obstetrics and Maternal-Fetal Medicine”.¹ On the 7th February 2019, the Board of the Portuguese Society of Obstetrics and Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SPOMMF) informed Acta Médica Portuguesa that it had never been contacted to participate in the aforementioned Consensus Position and that it had not been aware that this Consensus Position was being produced. SPOMMF added that the list of authors includes two specialists in Obstetrics and Gynaecology who are not members of either its board or its committees and who did not request SPOMMF’s scientific support.

On the 7th February 2019, Acta Médica Portuguesa relayed the concerns raised by SPOMMF to the Portuguese Multiple Sclerosis Study Group (GEEM). On the 20th February 2019, GEEM notified Acta Médica Portuguesa that, throughout the process of writing and publication of the paper, it had not been aware that the two specialists in Obstetrics and Gynaecology on the authors’ list had not been mandated by SPOMMF to represent its views. Moreover, GEEM also explained that after being contacted by Acta Médica Portuguesa it carried out its own internal investigation and concluded that SPOMMF’s concerns were valid.

Acta Médica Portuguesa is publishing this Editorial Expression of Concern to alert our readers to the inappropriate use of the name of The Portuguese Society of Obstetrics and Maternal-Fetal Medicine.

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