



# A new direction for Dermatology Practical & Conceptual

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With this in mind, we feel privileged and deeply committed to take *Dermatology Practical & Conceptual* in a brand new course aimed to further spread the readership, facilitate publication of important new ideas, and finally take the journal to the next step!

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