



**Professor Morteza Samini  
Retired Editor-in-Chief of  
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It is with deep regret and sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Morteza Samini, PharmD., PhD., former editor-in-chief and retired professor of pharmacology of Tehran University of Medical Sciences which was a shocking loss.

He was editor-in-chief of *Acta Medica Iranica* (AMI) from 1997 until 2001. Throughout his time in AMI, he worked tirelessly to improve the journal's scientific quality and presentation. His hands-on approach to collaborating with editors, staff, and reviewers was a vital factor in AMI's progression in last decade. His contribution to AMI's growth has been invaluable, contributing to the journal's indexing, achievement, and enhancement of its local and international impact.

We will hold the memory of a great teacher, researcher, and colleague with us, endowed with a profound sense of fortitude, thoughtfulness, precision, accuracy, and kindness. This gentleman spent so much energy, building a learning atmosphere that created several lines of growth in basic medical science and pharmacology and AMI. His passing is a loss for his family, Iranian scientific community, and AMI. However, we also are thankful for the example he set for all of us and know that his spirit will live

on.

**Biography**

Professor Samini was born in 1945 in Tabriz, the capital of Easter Azerbaijan province, Iran. He received his doctor of pharmacy degree (PharmD) from school of pharmacy at Tabriz University, Iran. Then he started his postgraduate program at King's College London, UK with an honor scholarship from Tabriz University. He received his Ph.D. in Pharmacology in London under the supervision of Professor Allen Gibson. His main field of research was presynaptic receptors and smooth muscle pharmacology. After graduation, he came back to Iran and continued his academic carrier as an assistant professor of Pharmacology in school of pharmacy at Tabriz University of Medical Sciences. He was promoted to the professor degree soon after he got a position in the Department of Pharmacology of School of Medicine at Tehran University of Medical Sciences. During his academic life, he trained thousands of students in the different medical fields and published more than 456 articles in Farsi and English language in several prestigious journals and he wrote books in pharmacology. After retirement, he continued his teaching and research activities.

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