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J. Winck in a “Letter to the Editor”, published in this issue of RPP, addresses a very important issue for the future of research in respiratory medicine in Portugal: “40 years of history of PhD graduates in Respiratory Medicine in Portugal”. Towards professorship or beyond?”. When looking at the data he presents from the perspective of someone who has been following the scene of respiratory medicine in Portugal for almost that period the results are not surprising. In a way the results are even surprisingly better than expected assuming that these PhD graduates are all medical doctors and specialists (the information is not given but they probably all are), so they are not just postdocs, they have travelled a longer way! But, if they want to continue to be active in biomedical research they must assume the pains of the doctorate species.

If we look at the future of postdocs worldwide the situation is not very promising but the international scientific community is aware of the problem and is making attempts to change the picture: limiting the duration of the status to a maximal period of six years, limiting the funding period to a percentage of PhD graduates, rewarding the already financially successful. Whether these are good solutions is another matter. In addition it remains to be proven if these measures can be applied to clinical PhD. They have other pathways to pursue their careers.

Nevertheless, all postdocs share a common trait: they have the potential to become independent scientists and, in the case of respiratory medicine or any other medical specialties, leaders in their own clinical field. Will this leadership be directly related to a professorship appointment in respiratory medicine is an interesting debate that needs to be addressed on an institutional perspective. I am not arguing against the argument of Winck which states that “presence of academics as heads of respiratory medicine departments is a powerful means for strengthening medical research and implementing clinical practice.” The point I wish to make is that professorship is not enough to attract the best PhD graduates to pursue an academic career. There must be an institutional strategy to support clinical research and competitive national programs to financially support clinical research projects. The establishment of a shared PhD program in the form of a Portuguese Doctoral School in Respiratory Medicine could be an interesting challenge for the future by keeping institutional identities and, at the same time, reinforcing the network of academics and non-academics committed to the expansion of this ever growing and fascinating multidisciplinary field.

References

You are not alone (You are always in my heart) I am here with you Though we’re far apart You’re always in my heart. For you are not alone Not alone ooh You are not alone You are not alone Say it again You are not alone You are not alone Not alone, not alone If you just reach out for me girl In the morning, in the evening Not alone, not alone You and me not alone Oh together together Gotta stop being alone Gotta stop being alone. Submit Corrections. "You Are Not Alone" was written by R Kelly after difficult times in his life and losing close people. Michael Jackson instantly liked the song and the production was a collaborative effort amongst the two. The song becomes the first song ever to debut at number one on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. You Are Not Alone lyrics tab by hudkins. [Verse]. C Am ANOTHER day has gone, I'm still all alone. F G How could this be you're not here with me. C Am You never said goodbye, someone tell me why. F G Did you have to go and leave my world so cold?Â C Am Everyday I sit and ask myself F How did love slip away Dm G Something whispers in my ear and says. [Chorus]. C Am That you are not alone, for I am here with you. F G Though you're far away, I am here to stay. C Am But you are not alone, for I am here with you. F G Though we're far apart, you're always in my heart. C But you are not alone. G#m Bb C 'lone, 'lone, why, 'lone. [Verse 2]. You Are Not Alone. ✕. Another day has gone. I'm still all alone. You're not here with me You never said goodbye, someone tell me, why Did you have to go and leave my world so cold? [Pre-Chorus] Every day I sit and ask myself, "How did love slip away?" Something whispers in my ear and says. [Chorus] That you are not alone, I am here with you Though you're far away, I am here to stay But you are not alone, I am here with you Though we're far apart, you're always in my heart But you are not alone. [Post-Chorus] 'lone, 'lone Why, 'lone. [Verse 2] Just the other night, I thought I heard you cry Asking me to come and hold you in my arms I can hear your prayers, your burdens I will bear But first I need your hand, then forever can begin. [Pre-Chorus] Every day I sit and ask myself, "How did love slip away?" Something whispers in my ear and says. You Are Not Alone is one of Michael Jackson's songs in the album, HIStory: Past, Present and Future, Book I. This song was released on August 15, 1995 and was written by R. Kelly. This song is 5 minutes and 45 seconds long. © 1994 MJJ Productions Inc. Date: January 20, 1994. Recorded: 1995. Another day has gone. I'm still all alone. How could this be. You're not here with me. You never said goodbye. Someone tell me why. Did you have to go. And leave my world so cold. Everyday I sit and ask myself.