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FIRST EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first issue of the '*Journal of Veterinary Medical and One Health Research*' (JVMOHR). With its first publication on June 30, 2019, JVMOHR aims to usher in a new era in the advancement of Veterinary Medical Sciences and Art (technology) by integrating 'One Health' on a single platform.

Presumably, the first published journal on Veterinary Science was '*The Veterinarian*' (1828-1902). It was a monthly journal published and printed by Longman, Green & Co. and Compton and Ritchie, Middle Street, Cloth Fair, London, respectively. Later in 1875, the British Veterinary Association started the British Veterinary Journal, which Elsevier has continued to publish as The Veterinary Journal since 1996. Another journal, '*The American Veterinary Review*', was founded in 1877 and subsequently renamed as the '*Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*' in 1915. In July 1888, 'The Veterinary Record' was launched by William Hunting, who supposedly started the journal with a £ 50 loan from another London Veterinary Surgeon, T.A. Dollar.

The 1st veterinary journal in Bangladesh (formerly, East Pakistan) was published by 'The Pakistan Veterinary Association' as '*Pakistan Journal of Veterinary Science*' (PJVS) in 1967. After liberation in 1971, the association and journal title have been renamed as 'Bangladesh Veterinary Association' (BVA) and '*Bangladesh Veterinary Journal*'; (BVJ; ISSN 0030-9915), respectively. I have served as the Managing Editor of the BVJ for nine years (1994 to 2002) and tried to publish it regularly. Later, it was discontinued mainly due to inactivity of the BVA (www.bvj-bva.com).

The 2nd veterinary journal, 'The Bangladesh Veterinarian' (Bang Vet; ISSN 1012-5949), was founded in 1984. I created it out of my professional interest and served as the founder Editor. It was published on behalf of the Department of Medicine, FVS, BAU, Mymensingh. Following a biennial change in Departmental Headship, the newly appointed Departmental Head decided against publishing the journal from the Department of Medicine. Consequently, 'The Bangladesh Animal Health Society' (BAHS) was formed in 1987 with nine members in the executive committee who contributed a payment of BDT 2000/- per member to publish the journal regularly. Unfortunately, this journal could not continue at regular standard publication, probably due to inactive society activities and the Editorial Board (www.banglajol).

The 3rd veterinary journal, '*Bangladesh Journal of Veterinary Medicine*' (BJVM; ISSN 1729-7893), which I initiated as a founder Editor in 2003. It was published by the 'Bangladesh Society for Veterinary Medicine'. Potentially, there was an opportunity to raise the impact factor of this journal, but it suffered from management issues (www.banglajol).

The 4th veterinary professional journal, '*Bangladesh Veterinary Medical Record*' (BVMR; ISSN 2411-5080), which was first published in January 2015 as an official organ of the Faculty of Veterinary Science, BAU, Mymensingh. A faculty website (www.bvmr-fvs.org) was also inaugurated under the leadership of the Dean. I was the Dean at that time and was also serving as the founder Editor-in-Chief of the BVMR. This official journal was published with the approval of the faculty meeting No. 120, Agenda No. 03, dated 20 October 2014. The source of necessary funds was procured for its regular publication and to maintain the faculty website. Although it was published regularly up to the first two volumes with four issues, the succeeding authorities were not keen to publish BVMR and/or continue with the faculty website. As a result, both were still discontinued.

The 5th Veterinary journal, the '*Journal of Advanced Veterinary and Animal Research*' (JAVAR; e-2311-7710) was launched in 2014 and published by the 'Network for the Veterinarians of Bangladesh.' The Editor-in-Chief is attempting to publish the online version regularly, utilizing his own effort and management system.

The 6th Veterinary journal, '*Bangladesh Journal of Veterinary and Animal Sciences*' (ISSN 2227-6416) seems to be launched from 'Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University' (CVASU) from 2013 but its status of publication has not either been well circulated or made available in online (www.banglajol).

In addition to these, other journals related to Veterinary are being published from Bangladesh. One journal has used *animal science* and two other journals *livestock research* in their titles. The first issue of the '*Animal Science Journal of Pakistan*' was published on July 1968 by the 'Pakistan Animal Science Association' and it has been renamed as '*Bangladesh Journal of Animal Science*' (BJAS; ISSN 0003-3588) in 1970, as an official journal of the 'Bangladesh Animal Husbandry Association' (BAHA). The '*Bangladesh Journal of Livestock Research*' (BJLR), an official journal of 'Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute' (BLRI) has been published since 1993. The 3rd journal, '*Research in Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries*' (RALF; ISSN: P-2409-0603, e-2409-9325), an official journal of AgroAID Foundation, has been published since 2014 (agroaid-bd.org/ralf/). Although the BJAS and RALF are regularly being published at scheduled times, but BJLR is no longer published (www.banglajol).

Some non-veterinary and non-animal or livestock science journals are also being published by different associations, societies, institutions and under personal management systems where veterinary medical scientists published their articles. These include ① *Asian Journal of Medical and Biological Science*, ② *Bangladesh Journal of Agricultural Research*, ③ *Bangladesh Journal of Microbiology*, ④ *Bangladesh Journal of Scientific and Industrial Research*, ⑤ *Bangladesh Journal of Scientific Research*, ⑥ *Bangladesh Journal of Zoology*, ⑦ *International Journal of Natural Science*, ⑧ *International Journal of Natural and Biological Science*, ⑨ *Journal of the Bangladesh Agricultural University*, ⑩ *Microbes and Health*, ⑪ *Progressive Agriculture*, ⑫ *SAARC Journal of Agriculture*, ⑬ *The Agriculturists*, and ⑭ *University Journal of Zoology, Rajshahi University* (www.banglajol).

In fact, the comprehensive title 'JVMOHR' includes all the aspects of Veterinary medical that is the science (animal science, avian science and veterinary science) and art (technology) with clinical practices and 'One Health' which includes interdisciplinary collaborations and communications in all aspects of health care for humans, animals and environment, especially pathogens transmitted among animals, humans and environment including the old terminology zoonoses and veterinary public health. Therefore, an attempt has been made to publish a comprehensive 'JVMOHR' that covers all these aspects. The success of the 'JVMOHR' depends on the earnest and willing cooperation of all concerned research scientists and practicing veterinarians and medical physicians. I appeal to all to extend their sustained support and cooperation to make this journal a success. I would like to thank all those especially the members of the advisory committee and editorial board. Without their generous cooperation it would not have been possible to bring this journal to reality.

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