EDITORIAL

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Three decades ago Haematology started its journey in Bangladesh as an independent discipline only in then P.G. hospital now known as Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU). We, the haematologists of Bangladesh, owe our gratitude to Professor M A Rashid, the pioneer of Haematology in our country. Earlier facilities were inadequate, and the number of haematologists was very few.

With increasing demand of haematological service and continued dedicated efforts of the haematologists, the subject expanded. Now, the service is provided in several government, non-government, university, corporate and military hospitals and institutions. Though the number of haematologists is only seventy-five in the country, our hard efforts keep patient service satisfactory. We are managing cases brilliantly, diagnosing correctly using advance technologies with limited resource and economic constraint. Our experiences of different management and rare case diagnosis are lost at the end of the day. The Haematologists are keeping themselves up-to-date with advancement of the subject. We are proud that we have three bone marrow transplantation centres now. What lacks our ongoing process of development is a scientific journal of our own.

Haematology Society of Bangladesh was established in 1999 with Professor M A Rashid as the founder President. It was formed with an objective to bring all the haematologists of the country under one umbrella and to protect their rights and privileges. The idea to publish a journal has been a long-cherished dream of the members of the society. This dream has come true with the publication of our 1st issue of this journal which has followed a long and eventful endeavour. The journal will be published twice in a year.

This journal will serve as a medium for expression, sharing and exchange of views among the haematologists, physicians and surgeons of different disciplines and health service providers. It will act as a vehicle for the conveyance of up-to-the-minute information, comment, constructive criticism and sound opinion. As the subject of haematology is expanding, trainees and students are also increasing in number. Students' knowledge will be upgraded and updated by contents of the journal. Their queries will be met up by articles published in the journal. Besides, researchers will acquire new information and data from the journal. In addition, circulation and utilization of research outcome through this journal will be an added benefit for patient service.

Our vision is to increase standard, utility and popularity of the journal through dissemination of knowledge, experience and challenges. Anyone can be a precious contributor by submitting original article, case report, review article or letter to editor. I appreciate contribution of all. It is my pleasure to acknowledge the assistance and encouragement from all sources. It is your heartfelt participation that will continue to improve the journal in the coming days. I am sure that we can take haematology to the highest point of excellency if we work together honestly and sincerely.

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