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I have been asked by my editorial team to write a small note for the first issue of this journal entitled, JUCMD (Journal of University College of Medicine and Dentistry). Reflecting on what makes a good journal great reminds of the sayings of Dr. Bartosz Hudzik, a young cardiologist at a medical university in Poland. First and foremost, there is the team of dedicated and highly qualified editors who provide valuable guidance on the journal contents. In addition, there are manuscript authors, equally important as the editors, as they are the ones conducting research, writing and rewriting drafts, and submitting the manuscript in hopes that it will be published. Then, there are the reviewers, who advise the editors on the importance and novelty of the findings and the soundness of the research methodology. Finally, there are the readers, who look to the journal for accurate and up-to-date scientific and clinical information. We have this exact recipe right at the start of our journal in the form of a very active and energetic editorial board and a competent pool of reviewers.

Our aim, like most reputable medical journals, is to provide not only excellent scientific articles from research in basic and clinical practice, but disseminate knowledge in all medical and allied disciplines as well. We intend to cover all the topics of great importance and not just review manuscripts for the purpose of publishing. We aim to progress rapidly towards the pedestal of referable ranking. An impact factor shows the number of times articles in a journal have been cited in a year. This is to ensure originality that is pivotal for the interest of scientific readers and I believe this journal will prove itself to find its rightful place, nationally for now, and later internationally. I wish my team success in achieving their milestones.

In Pakistan, we have seen a rapid growth in the number of medical colleges in the last 5-8 years. This has also resulted in gainful employment of faculty for these institutions, but the number of peer reviewed indexed journals has not increased commensurate with the increase of medical institutes. The onus is therefore, on us to appraise the world of our potential in the field of medicine. This can only be done through publication of original research work. JUCMD is the right step on part of Health Sciences, University of Lahore towards not only achieving this goal nationally but to contribute internationally in the field of medicine & research.

The University of Lahore is already successfully running HEC recognized journals. The University has and continues to invest heavily in the field of research and JUCMD is part of this continuum. I, therefore, earnestly hope this journal will soon be a reference in research publications.

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