

Editorial

Dear Friends

The present reality indicates that the notion and concept of developing/resource-constrained country may need some new consideration and proper insights on the basis of evolving evidences. Developing/resource-constrained countries harbor about 80% of world population, and these countries have been pushing the economic developments of vast majority of their population. In addition, they are at the cornerstone of development or even survival of developed and advanced countries. Thus, it would be unfair to regard these countries as resource-constrained as they are filled with high grade of human resources as well as people with innovation and thoughts.

However, there are some avenues that have not been achieved in developing countries. There has been lack of scientific developments including developments in medical sciences. Still, infant mortality rate is notable in these countries, infectious diseases are considerable, and coordinated actions to resistant microbes have been delayed. On top of this, there has been limited attention to develop innovative research for advancement of medical science in their locality. These facts have made them chronically dependent on Western research and therapeutic recommendations. All these things have been happening in spite of potent and scientific manpower in these countries.

One of the major constraints is related to the lack of scientific communication between developed and developing countries. Based on these realities, an approach was taken in 2011 to establish a publication mode for gastroenterologists and hepatologists of developing countries: The Euroasian Journal of Hepato-Gastroenterology (EJOH) came to light. It provided a means of publication for the medical personnel as an approach of East-East Collaboration. The journal has been continuing its publication for more than 5 years. Although several publications of developing countries undergo apoptosis, the antiapoptotic power of this journal lies within the new and novel concepts of the medical personnel of countries of both developing and advanced countries that have assisted its continual publication.

Over the past 5 years, the realities of liver and gastroenterological diseases in developing countries have been focused in this journal. The publisher, JAYPEE, in India, a developing country, has provided tremendous support for its publication. At the finishing line of 5 years of publication, the journal is knocking the door of its entry to PubMed. Although this is an exciting development, this also renders tremendous responsibilities to the editors and publishers. A new editorial board would be formulated to stand the test of time. Also, we would move for publication of papers with more impact.

We assume that these challenges would be overcome by the comprehensive efforts of editors, publisher, and the contributors of the journal.



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