

**From the desk of the Editor in chief**

I am very happy that the volume-6 Number-1 AKMMC Journal is published in due time i.e. in January 2015. The previous issues were highly acclaimed by local & International readers. This is reflected by response from authors at both home & abroad through their submission of large number of articles. For this reason the volume of this issue has been increased substantially. Editorial on malaria is a timely added article with reviews on latest situation globally including Bangladesh where emphasis was given to elimination rather than to control. HIV/AIDS is not very common in Bangladesh. Addiction is an important route of HIV/AIDS transmission. Article on Drug addiction pattern & knowledge on HIV/AIDS among male addicts under going rehabilitation focuses on this. It is interesting to note that 40% of the addicts were due to friend's incitement. Article on type 2 DM with lower serum adiponectin in Bangladesh showed both insulin secretory defects, insulin resistance & lower adiponectin level in Bangladesh population.

A hospital based study on retinopathy & neuropathy revealed 50% patients having hypertension, 30% have diabetes mellitus and 25% have other causes of CKD. This emphasizes the need of awareness among dialysis patients. Study on anthropometric assessment of nutritional status in pregnant women reveal majority of the pregnant women suffered from chronic energy deficiency which could be a potential cause for delivery of malnourished babies. Paper on seroprevalence of anti HCV among blood donor at a tertiary hospital showed 0.1034% of seropositivity.

Paper on retrospective study of efficacy and toxicities of Rituximab showed addition of Rituximab as immunotherapy with chemotherapy provides excellent response to patients with diffuse large B cell Lymphomas.

Review article on emerging global epidemic Ebola virus is a timely one and cautions, physician, common people about prevention of Ebola. Another review article on Enhanced Liver Fibrosis (ELF) immunoassay test signifies the importance of ELF as a test in early diagnosis & prognosis of CLD.

Case report on Kawasaki disease a rare acute necrotizing vasculitis complication of type B aortic dissection are important vascular lesion needs to be addressed. A rare combination of mixed germ cell tumor of testis and primary cutaneous actinomycosis of lower extremity will refresh the practitioner about these diseases.

I sincerely hope that this issue volume 6, number 1 of AKMMC will be a worthy one for readers. Any constructive criticism for improvement of the Journal will be highly appreciated.

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