



Editorial



It gives us much pleasure to launch the first issue of Bangladesh Liver Journal, official publication of the Viral Hepatitis Foundation Bangladesh. It is a dream come true and a very bold step ahead by a Foundation, less than a year old! The Foundation was established with a lot of ambition and this journal is yet another step in the right path.

We are proud to be associated with the first dedicated, international journal of Hepatology from the entire Indian sub-continent. The journal has a true international flavour enriched by an international editorial board comprising of world leaders in Hepatology. Majority papers in this issue are overseas contributions, all of which have been subjected to peer review by the learned editorial board members.

One important contribution is an indigenous HBV management guideline for Bangladesh, that has been drafted by local experts considering the local scenario and circumstances and prepared in a way not to benefit Hepatologists only, but Internists alike, who still cater vast majority of liver disease patients in the country.

Wide acceptance and suggestions and contributions from home and abroad will enrich and strengthen this bold effort by the Foundation further.

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