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A Journey of Dedication and Progress

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As we enter the 14th volume of the Journal of Neonatal Surgery (JNS), it is an opportune moment to reflect on the journey, celebrate achievements, and express gratitude to all those who have contributed to the journal's success. Established in 2012, the journal was born with a mission to reduce mortality and improve neonatal surgical outcomes in developing countries by disseminating the latest research in the field. Over the years, JNS has grown into a robust platform for scientific exchange, shaping the discourse on neonatal surgery across the globe.

The inaugural editorial team, led by Prof. Afzal Sheikh, laid the foundation of the journal in its first year. Prof. Yogesh Kumar Sarin took the helm in 2013, building upon this foundation and expanding the journal's reach and reputation. In 2020, I assumed the role of Editor-in-Chief, carrying forward the vision with an unwavering commitment to excellence. It has been an honor and privilege to oversee JNS during this critical phase of its evolution.

Milestones and Achievements

JNS achieved significant milestones over the years, reflecting its growing impact in the academic and clinical community. The journal's indexing with PubMed Central until 2017 and later with Scopus marked its acceptance as a credible and valuable resource. Despite a temporary publication halt that led to challenges, including losing PubMed indexing, the journal's resilience shone through. Under renewed efforts, we regained momentum, achieving indexing with Scopus and receiving over 3,500 citations as per Google Scholar. Inclusion in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) further underscores our commitment to open-access dissemination, ensuring that knowledge remains accessible to all.

JNS has consistently upheld its model as an entirely electronic journal with no publication or processing fees, embodying the true spirit of open access. This

approach has facilitated the dissemination of high-quality research, particularly benefiting authors and readers from resource-limited settings.

A Transition to New Horizons

This year marks a pivotal transition as the journal's ownership rights move from me to the Auricle Global Society of Education and Research. This transition heralds a new chapter for JNS, with the new management envisioning fresh editorial leadership and initiatives. While stepping down as Editor-in-Chief, I am confident that the journal will continue to thrive, maintaining its mission of publishing relevant and high-quality scientific work in neonatal.

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To our reviewers and authors, your contributions have been the cornerstone of our success, ensuring the journal's content remains of the highest quality and relevance. Your support has been instrumental in JNS becoming a trusted resource for clinicians and researchers worldwide.

Finally, I express my gratitude to our readers, whose engagement and trust inspire us to push the boundaries of neonatal surgical science.

Looking Ahead: As I pass the baton to the new editorial team, I am hopeful and confident in their ability to steer JNS to greater heights. The journal's mission remains as vital as ever, and I am optimistic that it will continue to make a meaningful impact in neonatal surgery.

Wishing all our readers, authors, reviewers, and editors good health and a happy New Year. May the

coming years bring continued success and innovation to the Journal of Neonatal Surgery.
