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## EDITORIAL

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First of all, the MHSRJ Editorial Board would like to proudly inform that Myanmar Health Sciences Research Journal has been accepted as a qualified journal for inclusion in ASEAN Citation Index (ACI) database by the ACI Steering Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 (website: <http://asean-cites.org>). The ACI, a central regional database was designed and set-up to index all the bibliographic records and the citations of all quality ASEAN research outputs appearing in the ASEAN scholarly journals.

To date, the MHSRJ is the one and only journal included in ACI database among other scientific journals published in Myanmar. This great achievement which resulted from our journal publication team's utmost effort for the Department of Medical Research, Ministry of Health and Sports (MOHS) is an important step towards the linkage to international databases.

These days, the earth is facing many global challenges: social, political, economic, environmental and health issues. Among many health challenges faced, liver is one of our vital organs, seriously threatened by 5 major viral infections; hepatitis A, B, C, D, and E. In this journal issue, the manuscript entitled "Sero-prevalence of Hepatitis B and C Viral Infections in Myanmar: National and Regional Survey in 2015" is chosen as the leading article because of its valuable results from a nation-wide survey in Myanmar.

It is well-known that these two viral infections are the *Global Burdens of Disease* which cause considerable deaths from acute infection, liver cirrhosis and cancer. This study highlighted the prevalence for hepatitis B and C viral infections (6.5% and 2.7%, respectively) among the public, Hlinethaya Township of Yangon Region being the highest prevalence of hepatitis B (12.3%), Mawlamyine Township of Mon State being the highest prevalence of hepatitis C (10.3%), and the associated factors of transmission of infection. These facts are crucial indicators

which provide the National Hepatitis Control Program (NHCP), MOHS to follow-up the surveillance and to plan the screening and treatment.

In this issue, we have also provided to our valuable readers, a variety of research papers which include research on Breast Cancer, Acute Pyogenic Meningitis in Children, Traditional Medicine, Social Network Addiction, Obstetric Care, Cutaneous TB, Reproductive Health, Childhood Acute Leukaemia, Anaemia and Cephalosporins Resistant *Shigella sonnei* Isolates. All those appearing in this issue will invariably assist the end-users to obtain updated information of respective research projects and enhance utilization of research findings.

Finally, we would like to advise all the readers to utilize the research findings applicable to health with innovative ideas in various ways and to give citation to MHSRJ which will support in the addition of our journal into the well-known international database, PubMed Central (PMC) in the near future.