

Editorial

Inaugurating the Journal of Tropical Health

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It is with excitement and responsibility that we welcome you to the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Tropical Health* (JoTH). This journal is born out of the recognition that tropical regions, home to nearly 40% of the world's population, face unique and pressing health challenges that demand interdisciplinary attention. Our mission is to provide a platform for high-quality research, case reports, reviews, and other articles that advance the understanding of and improve health outcomes in the tropics. We are committed to publishing studies that elucidate the biological and epidemiological dimensions of tropical diseases and address the social, economic, and environmental determinants of health. We welcome contributions from disciplines—from medicine, public health, and epidemiology to anthropology, economics, and environmental science—to foster holistic approaches to problem-solving.

The tropics, characterised by diverse health systems, vibrant cultures, and rich biodiversity, are regions where complex health issues intersect. From the persistent burden of infectious diseases like leptospirosis, dengue, and snakebite to the growing prevalence of non-communicable diseases fueled by urbanisation and lifestyle transitions, the challenges are multifaceted. Compounded by climate change, poverty, and inequities in healthcare access, these issues underscore the urgent need for evidence-based interventions and global collaboration.

As a diamond open-access journal, JoTH seeks to democratise knowledge by making research accessible

to practitioners, policymakers, and communities on the frontlines of health challenges. We hope to empower stakeholders with the tools and insights necessary for meaningful change by bridging the gap between research and implementation. While JoTH maintains its editorial independence, we are associated with the Faculty of Medicine & Allied Sciences of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and the Anuradhapura Medical Association.

Our inaugural issue features a diverse array of articles that reflect the breadth of topics we aim to cover. Each contribution embodies the scholarship and practical relevance we strive to uphold in every issue.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our authors, reviewers, and editorial board members whose expertise and dedication have been instrumental in bringing this vision to life. We are particularly indebted to the researchers and healthcare workers in tropical regions, whose resilience and innovation continue to inspire us.

As we embark on this journey, we invite you—our readers—to join us in shaping the future of tropical health. Your feedback, contributions, and collaborations will be invaluable as we strive to make JoTH a trusted resource and a catalyst for progress.

Together, let us work towards a healthier, more equitable world.

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