

Editorial 1

The Sudan Journal of Health Sciences: This is how the Second Issue of the Journal was published during the Internecine Khartoum War.

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Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds, and peace and blessings be upon the faithful Messenger of Allah, our Master Mohammed, and upon all his family and companions. Below are some thoughts and observations from the editor-in-chief of the *Sudan Journal of Health Sciences* (SJHS).

The *Journal* began its publication in January 2023, after preparation that took a full year before. SJHS has its main office at Alfajr College of Science and Technology (ACST) in Khartoum. It is a *Journal* open to partnerships from other Universities and Colleges in Sudan, as it bears the name of the Sudan, homeland of all Sudanese. The *Journal's* administration, in agreement with the senior management of ACST decided to publish the *Journal* three times a year initially, and then gradually increase the number of annual issues. The stated goal of the *Journal* is to encourage scientific research from all parts of Sudan and neighboring countries; especially prompting young researchers and faculty staff to conduct joint research for the purpose of answering scientific research questions and challenges in Sudan. The first issue of the *Journal* was published successfully during January to April 2023, and was well received by readers, and distinguished researchers from different specializations in health sciences. Then preparation started for the second issue, May to August 2023. However, the Khartoum war that suddenly broke out on April 15, 2023; Its aggressiveness was beyond imagination, as things were turned upside down throughout the Sudanese capital, and daily life in all institutions came to a halt with astonishing speed. In the following weeks, news came successively of the disruption and sabotage of all State institutions in the various aspects of the civil

service and the private sector. Educational institutions were not spared. At least 104 institutions of higher education, public and private, were partially or completely destroyed, as stated in the report of the Higher Education Committee to list the losses (see Professor Mohammed Elbagir's Editorial article). (1)

In this issue of the *Journal*, Professor Mohammed Elbagir describes how Al-Fajr College was able to withstand these challenges and pay special attention to graduate students in all its programs. The training of clinical medicine students was completed and the final examinations were held, in cooperation with Iqraa College in the Fadasi town near Wad Madani City, the capital of Gezira State in Sudan. With the help of number of professors from Khartoum and Gezira states. (1)

Alfajr College Research Center leads the scientific research and publishing in the College, and the SJHS represents the window through which the World sees the research activity of Alfajr College and the Universities that cooperate with it in this field. The big challenge was publishing the *Journal's* second issue, which coincided with the beginning of the war on April 15, 2023. The war resulted in the migration and scattering of the editors responsible for the magazine in the various states of Sudan and abroad. Thus, the offices of the ACST in Khartoum remained completely abandoned. We consulted with the *Journal's* management about overcoming this ordeal and we decided to communicate via electronic media and edit scientific articles using those media.

The challenge was great, and the editors worked on the various articles that the reader will find in this issue. There were many consultations with different scientists in the field of medical statistics and other specialties, as per the need to the published articles.

I am pleased to thank all those who contributed to editing and producing this issue, and I especially thank the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of ACST, Professor Mubarak Al-Majzoub, who has been in frequent contact with us to reassure and encourage the progress of the *Journal*. Likewise, the Dean of the College, Professor Mohammed Elbagir, has been following up on the timely publication of the *Journal*. All editorial board members made extraordinary

efforts at a time when the means of communication, the Internet and electrical current, were in a state of constant irregularity. I especially thank Professor Ishag Adam, a distinguished researcher at Qaseem University in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, who kindly wrote an editorial article on pain-relieving drugs during pregnancy, commenting on Dr. Azhari Al-Nour Haj Al-Amin and his colleagues entitled (**Analgesics and Anti-inflammatory Prescription for Pregnant Women in the Military and Khartoum Teaching Hospitals**). His response was timely and helpful, which the reader will find in this issue.

We are proud of publishing this issue on time despite the war that took place in the capital of Sudan, Khartoum, which became a deserted city to a large extent, as most of the inhabitants fled with their lives. Despite that, we were able to complete this work with the grace of Allah Almighty, and the diligence of all those involved in the *Journal*.

The production of one issue of a scientific *Journal* may seem reasonably doable in normal circumstances, but in this exceptional situation in which the war disrupted most of the administrative and scientific facilities in Khartoum, the issuance of the second issue of the SJHS in the midst of the war in Khartoum is a valuable achievement, and it indicates that ACST is keen to support scientific research and publishing, under all circumstances.

In the end, do we say "Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds"

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