Dear friends.

Bringing out the best in clinical practice, aesthetic and cosmetic dermatology has always been a dream of every practicing dermatologist. There are too many advertisements claiming to make oneself fairer and beautiful, the hair to grow luscious and long. The role of us dermatologist relies on our ability to convince our patients and to treat them within the realistic domain.

Not everything we see and read in the papers or on the television claim good faith. It has always been through thorough scientific research, publication and dissemination which has helped us achieve our goals and to treat patients effectively and ethically.

It is indeed a pleasure to bring out yet another issue of the Nepal Journal of Dermatology, Venereology & Leprology (NJDVL) by an entirely new editorial team on the eve of the 11th National Conference of the Society of Dermatologists, Venereologists & Leprologists of Nepal SODVELON (SODVELON). The journal has been an official organ of the society and over the years has helped in the dissemination and sharing of scientific dermatological information among doctors across the country and beyond since its very inception.

Like every year, we have attempted to incorporate scientific information appropriate to the context of the region, through original research articles and case reports.

Every effort has been made to make this journal seen and read by a large community. No stones has been left unturned to get international affiliation and in getting the journal indexed. The editorial board has been working hard to improve the standard of the journal as well as working on making it more publicly visible and accountable. I and the entire editorial team express sincere thanks to all the contributors, who helped us by providing useful manuscripts for this journal, and to the pharmaceutical companies for providing us their advertisement. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude and thanks to the international and national advisors of the editorial board, whose advice and guidance has been invaluable.

Lastly, in spite of every effort, this issue still might have various shortcomings and we welcome your opinions and comments regarding the journal. Your valuable response and suggestions will surely help for further improvements in bringing out the subsequent issues we can all be proud of.

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