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Dear Readers,

I have now been Editor of the IJVM for some 13 years. Frankly, I continue to enjoy and get a lot of satisfaction from the task. The good news is that we are making progress and as a reflection of this success, our “Citation Index” has increased from 0.2 since I originally took on this task to 0.5. I see this accomplishment not only as my success but as rather achievement of the authors who have published fine, interesting and impacting articles in the Journal. Thank you to all our contributors.

The IJVM of September 2023 has articles of interest and impact. Three articles deal with bacteriology. Two of them from Prof. Aslantas and Dr. Ocak from Turkey deal with the increasing problem of bacterial antibiotic resistance. Articles of this nature are not only of veterinary importance but also apply human medicine. As the years go by the problem has increased in severity. Articles such as these are important reminders to us that significant efforts need to be made to limit this trend. Furthermore, research and publications in the field of Veterinary Medicine are important source of information also for the human medical field.

The third article presents a rare outbreak of *Yersinia pseudotuberculosis* in the National Zoo of Ramat Gan in Israel. A wide variety of species in the zoo were infected. *Y. pseudotuberculosis* is also a human pathogen, with public health implications. Apart from two unrelated cases of sepsis in captive monkeys and an outbreak of *Y. pseudotuberculosis* in bovine mastitis in dairy cattle, this species is rarely isolated from animals in Israel.

Articles dealing with ethical issues in veterinary medicine are considered by me of great significance and priority for publication in our journal. Dr. Pozzi and collaborators have written a review concerning ways to minimize or even avoid unnecessary pain and sufferance in pigs, caused by practices of mutilations such as tail docking, teeth clipping and castrations. The review article examines the practical implications of mutilations and addresses potential solutions for consideration for local pig industry. The review places emphasis on the current Israeli regulations for pigs used in agriculture.

As usual, Dr. Pozzi writes in cooperation with other swine and animal welfare veterinarians. He is an expert veterinarian in swine medicine and animal welfare and protection, including farming and slaughtering. He has published a significant number of articles in the IJVM always along with others. The result of this joint effort with several other Israeli Veterinarians both in the field and from the Veterinary Services has resulted in the assembly of information, which has become accessible to all veterinarians worldwide, improving the standard of care and medicine of pigs, and livestock welfare in general.

Wishing our readers a Happy, Healthy and productive Jewish New Year.

Sincerely,

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