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**LETTER FROM THE EDITOR - IN - CHIEF**

Dear respected readers,

We would like to present to you the first English issue of our Journal of Medical Research (JMR), published with the approval of the Vietnam Ministry of Information and Communications (license No. 425 / GP-BTTTT dated August 26, 2016).

In an increasingly globalization world, this Journal represents a crucial stepping - stone in the process of expanding medical research forum for Vietnamese scientists. On the other hand, English issues of JMR also provide an opportunity for international scientists to share and exchange their research findings with Vietnamese colleagues. Each year the Journal of Medical Research plan to publish 12 issues, in which about half will be in English. The Editorial Board welcome manuscripts drawn from original research, systematic and narrative reviews, and case reports in biomedical science, clinical and preventive medicine, and social medicine. We also welcome national and international scientists to submit their scientific opinions and discussion about any articles that are published in the Journal's pages.

On behalf of the Editorial Board, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the scientists who have submitted rigorous research manuscripts to the Journal in the past years. I have a strong conviction that with this great step forward, the Journal of Medical Research will become a central scientific forum for Vietnamese and other international scientists. It has the potential to enhance the role and contribution of Vietnam in global medicine.

Sincerely,

Prof. Ta Thanh Van, PhD

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