

A Message from the Editor-in-Chief



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It is my distinct honor and pleasure to share a moment of great pride for all of us at Veterinary Research Forum (VRF). Based on the latest 2025 JCR release, our journal has achieved an Impact Factor of 1.4—a remarkable 27% increase over the previous year. This accomplishment not only secures our position within the Q2 category but also reaffirms that VRF continues to stand as the highest-ranking veterinary journal in Iran, unmatched in scientific level among all domestic publications in our field. This success, however, did not happen overnight. Since our first issue in 2010, we have remained committed to a simple yet demanding principle: consistency with excellence. VRF was published as a quarterly journal until the end of 2022, and since the beginning of 2023, we have successfully transitioned to a monthly publication schedule—a significant operational upgrade that reflects our growing capacity and commitment to serving the scientific community more efficiently. I am proud to say that throughout this entire journey, from 2010 to the present day, we have never delayed a single issue—except during the recent war, when we regrettably fell behind by three issues. Aside from that exceptional and unforeseen circumstance, not even a single day of delay has occurred in our publication history—a discipline rarely seen in academic publishing, and one that reflects the deep respect we hold for our authors, reviewers, and readers.

Behind every achievement stands a dedicated team, and I would be remiss not to acknowledge the exceptional contribution of our Executive Manager, Dr. Mehdi Behfar, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Urmia University. His meticulous oversight, operational brilliance, and unwavering dedication have been the backbone of VRF's smooth and timely operations—particularly during the challenging transition from quarterly to monthly publication, as well as through the difficult period of the recent conflict. Dr. Behfar's role in maintaining our publication schedule and ensuring the highest quality standards has been truly invaluable, and I extend my sincerest gratitude to him. I also thank our editorial board members, the diligent reviewers, the language and technical editors, the supportive administration of Urmia University, and above all, the global community of researchers who entrust us with their scientific work.

This Impact Factor of 1.4 is not merely a number—it is a testament to Iranian veterinary science's growing influence on the world stage. We are more determined than ever to elevate VRF further, with the goal of reaching Q1 in the near future.

I warmly invite researchers from around the globe to join us in this journey by submitting their high-quality manuscripts to VRF. Together, we advance veterinary knowledge—one article at a time.

With respect and gratitude,
Farshid Sarrafzadeh-Rezaei



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