

## EDITORIAL

# Research and Trends in Pathology

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I am delighted to introduce the Malaysian Journal of Medicine and Health Science's (MJMHS) supplementary issue "Research and Trends in Pathology" that mainly includes manuscript submissions from members of the Department of Pathology, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Universiti Putra Malaysia (FMHS, UPM). This issue provides an exciting opportunity to consider the interdisciplinary nature of Pathology, which literally means "the study of suffering", being derived from the Greek words, *pathos* (suffering) and *logos* (study). Pathology, in modern medicine is defined as the study of disease at the molecular, cellular, and structural levels offering an understanding of the epidemiology, aetiology, pathogenesis, clinical and pathological features as well as complications of disease, on which clinical management is based upon. "Research and Trends in Pathology" encompasses various specialties in Pathology including Anatomical Pathology, Chemical Pathology, Haematology, Medical Immunology and

Medical Genetics with 8 original articles, 3 review articles, 1 case series and 7 case reports. This issue strives to combine research perspectives as well as current trends in Pathology with the objective to bridge the gap between rapidly developing laboratory technology and the growing knowledge on characteristics of diseases. It is fervently hoped that these published articles would be of value not only to scientists and pathologists in propagating further research in such areas, but also to medical practitioners in search of a scientific basis for the various diseases faced in their practice. Finally, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Head of the Department of Pathology, FMHS, UPM, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rajesh Ramasamy for initiating the idea of a supplementary issue for the department, guest editors, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lai Mei I and Dr. Huzlinda Hussin, the reviewers of this issue as well as the MJMHS editorial members and the secretariat who have driven the publication of this supplementary issue.