

Dear theriogenology friends,

There is a tremendous therapeutic potential for extracellular vesicles in assisted reproductive technology. Dr. Jennifer Nagashima, from the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute, wrote a review for us (first manuscript in this issue). I am truly thankful for Jen's time and effort and for 2 reviewers for their due diligence. Jen is also working to create an EndNote style for our journal. In addition, 6 colleagues have promised to create reviews for our journal and I am looking forward to receiving them.

Dr. Stuart Burns, a practitioner with > 40 years of experience and a long-standing member of the SFT, took the initiative to study mare reproductive loss syndrome. His efforts have resulted in 2 papers (second and third manuscripts in this issue). In my opinion, this sends a clear message that practitioners can skillfully apply their experience and available wealth of information to create research reports. I extend my appreciation to the 4 persons who reviewed these papers and provided critical insights.

E.F. Benson uses the phrase 'providential privilege of helping others' in one of his fiction books. As for me, helping our journal 2 hours each day is a 'providential privilege'. I do exercise kindness and firmness when handling each manuscript, with an ultimate goal to assist authors to feel proud about their work and concurrently, to maintain quality. On a sad note, 4 of 48 (8%) manuscripts were rejected based on many factors; sending 'regret' notes for me are not best moments of this remit.

I am very thankful for theriogenology mentors for supporting our journal and look forward to receiving more case/research/review/technique reports. I do thank my mentors (clinical and research) for pushing me to write well and I am still improving, with Dr. John Kastelic's help. I told this story to a colleague recently during our organizations' leadership meeting and is well worth repeating. My first case report that I created during my residency days was not received well by my mentor; his request to 'please remove my name from this case report' helped me to realize my inadequacy. It took me many more hours of hard work and half a dozen more drafts to earn my mentor's approval. I am also thankful to Dr. Bill Bosu for his time and effort to improve my scientific wordsmith skills.

Finally, our journal can gain further reputation if color figures are used. I am grateful to authors who are willing to pay \$200/page for publishing in color (otherwise, our journal does not have any page charges). I strongly encourage theriogenology training programs to set money aside in their budgets to support this endeavor.

My prayers and hope that everyone stay healthy and well in these troubled times.

Sincerely,

Augustine

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