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2. To effectively disseminate research outputs in all spheres of veterinary science, veterinary public health, animal production and other related fields of study.

3. To help promote agricultural development in Ethiopia and the subregion as a whole through generation via research of technologies, methods etc and dissemination of scientific knowledge to stakeholders and ultimately to end users.

Type of papers

1. Original research papers
2. Review articles
3. Short communications

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