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### Abstract

The launch of *World Journal of Anesthesiology (WJA)* is great news for the community of anesthesiology. Anesthesiology is a rapidly evolving medical specialty. The practice of anesthesia is broad and has an important impact on our society. Thus, it is necessary to have a multi-modal system to rapidly disseminate anesthesiology-related knowledge. *WJA's* preparatory work was initiated on December 3, 2010, will be published on December 27, 2011. The *WJA* Editorial Board has now been established and consists of 121 distinguished experts from 28 countries. It will publish various formats of papers including original studies, review, commentary, guidelines, case report, book review and letters to the editor. The publication of the accepted papers will be quick and it is free of charge for readers to download and read any articles in the journal. Thus, *WJA* should be an excellent choice for anyone to consider publishing anesthesiology-related papers. Congratulations to the birth of *WJA*, a new member of World series journal family.

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### INTRODUCTION

I am Zhi-Yi Zuo, MD, PhD, Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, University of Virginia (Figure 1) and the Editor-in-Chief of *World Journal of Anesthesiology (World J Anesthesiol, WJA)*, online ISSN 2218-6182, DOI: 10.5313). I am very pleased to announce that the first issue of *WJA*, whose preparatory work was initiated on December 3, 2010, will be published on December 27, 2011. *WJA* is a bimonthly peer-reviewed, online, open-access, journal supported by an editorial board consisting of 121 experts in anesthesiology from 28 countries. With the advance of modern technology, electronic and open-access journals are a preferred place for scientists to publish their work. This format is often the choice for publishers that want to establish a new journal. The benefits for authors who publish in these journals are multiple. The

obvious ones include that the author's work will be published immediately after it has been accepted and that the paper will be accessible by anyone in the world so long as the person has an internet access. This is exciting news because the journal should serve as an excellent channel to rapidly publish and disseminate the work in the field of anesthesiology.

As the Editor-in-Chief for *WJA*, it is a great honor for me to introduce the Journal to everyone. I also would like to invite everyone to contribute to the journal. This includes writing, reading and commenting on articles in the journal as well as providing us with feedbacks on how we do with the journal.

Anesthesiology is a rapidly evolving specialty. It involves advance in technology (such as development of various monitoring techniques and equipment), pharmacology and knowledge developed in many other specialties (such as internal medicine). This is because anesthesiologists not only need to provide proper anesthesia service to the patients but also have to protect patients from injury or harm during surgery or procedure. Preventing any unnecessary injury or "do no harm" is the most important duty for anesthesiologists to perform. This duty will require anesthesiologists to have a broad range of medical knowledge, such as pathophysiology of various diseases, because patients with various diseases will need surgery and anesthesia. Since safety or keeping our patient safe has been a focus for anesthesia practice for many decades, anesthesiology has been cited by Institute of Medicine of the United States as an exemplifying specialty in medicine in achieving safe practice<sup>[1]</sup>.

Anesthesiology practice is broad and has a great impact on our society. Each year, ~50 million patients will have surgery under anesthesia in the United States<sup>[2]</sup>. In addition, there is an increased number of patients will receive anesthesia for invasive procedures, such as endoscopic procedures for gastrointestinal system. In addition to providing anesthesia service to these patients, anesthesiology practice also includes pain management and intensive care<sup>[3]</sup>. Knowledge and practice on the last two fields have inevitably helped the development and growth of modern anesthesiology.

The nature of rapid evolvement and breadth of anesthesiology requires multiple modals to disseminate its knowledge. One such a way is through scientific journals. Currently, there are ~20 journals that are anesthesiology-related. However, most of them are printing journals. It often takes 6 mo or longer for those journals to publish an accepted paper. *WJA* is a bi-monthly peer-reviewed, open-access journal and will take a full advantage of this type of journals.

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## CONTENTS OF PEER REVIEW

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view include: (1) whether the contents of the manuscript are of great importance and novelty; (2) whether the experiment is complete and described clearly; (3) whether the discussion and conclusion are justified; (4) whether the citations of references are necessary and reasonable; and (5) whether the presentation and use of tables and figures are correct and complete.

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## SCOPE

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(12) Guidelines: To introduce consensus and guidelines reached by international and national academic authorities or associations worldwide on the research in anesthesiology.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the birth of *WJA* and welcome everyone on the editorial board on board. With the care of everyone including our authors, readers and editorial board members, *WJA* will have a bright future. Let us all hope that *WJA* will become a leading anesthesiology journal soon.

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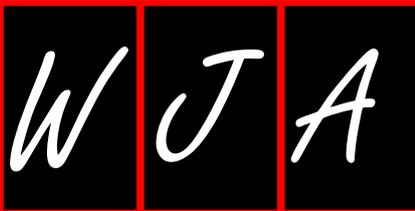
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Tampa, FL, United States

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Waimea, HI, United States

March 4-9, 2012  
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March 11-14, 2012  
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Snowmass Village, CO, United States

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2012 CSA Annual Meeting  
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SCA 34th Annual Meeting and Workshops - Society for Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists  
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July 20-22, 2012  
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