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INTRODUCTION

I am Rafael Rosell, MD, Head, Medical Oncology Service Catalan Institute of Oncology, Hospital Germans Trias i Pujol (Figure 1). As Editor-in-Chief of the *World Journal of Respirology (World J Respirol, WJR)*, online ISSN 2218-6255, DOI: 10.5320, it is a great pleasure for me to introduce this new journal as a forum where investigators, physicians, nurses, radiologists and paramedical personnel can exchange ideas and findings in the field of respiratory disease. The *WJR* Editorial Board has now been established and consists of 84 distinguished experts from 30 countries. I am very pleased to announce that the first

issue of the *WJR*, was initiated on December 9, 2010, and was officially published on December 30, 2011. I would like to extend my congratulations to the publisher, the members of the editorial board, and all the authors and readers of the journal for this important launch.

SCOPE

The *WJR* is a peer-reviewed journal that will report novel theories, methods and techniques for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and nursing of patients with respiratory disease. Some of the topics that will be covered in the journal include diagnostic imaging, respiratory physiology, respiratory endoscopy, respiratory system tumors, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, bronchial asthma, respiratory infections, critical respiratory illness, sleep-related respiratory disorders, interstitial lung disease, pulmonary vascular diseases, pulmonary embolism, traditional medicine, integrated Chinese and Western medicine, evidence-based medicine, epidemiology and nursing. The journal will publish both original articles and reviews of applied and basic research in several fields, including immunology, physiopathology, cell biology, pharmacology, medical genetics, and the pharmacology of Chinese herbs.

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NEW PERSPECTIVE

Genomic medicine is becoming part of patient care. In respiratory diseases, this will be one element that will be integrated in *WJR* for rapid conceptualization. Recent examples have illustrated that BIBF 1120, a tyrosine kinase inhibitor targeting fibroblast growth factor receptors (FGFRs), has led to substantial improvement in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis^[1] and in a number of cancers^[2]. Frequent focal FGFR1 amplification was identified in

squamous cell lung cancer^[3], and FGFR1 dependency could become therapeutically relevant.

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The *WJR* is a bimonthly peer-reviewed, online, open-access, journal supported by an editorial board consisting of 84 experts in respirology from 30 countries. In order to guarantee the quality of articles published in the journal, *WJR* usually invites three experts to comment on the submitted papers. The contents of peer review 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.

COLUMNS

WJR articles will include Editorials, Frontier Articles, Topic Highlights, Observations, Guidelines for Clinical Practice, Reviews, Original Articles, Brief Articles, Case Reports, Letters to the Editor, and Book Reviews. I invite all investigators, physicians, nurses, radiologists and paramedical personnel to share their ideas and findings in the forum provided by the *WJR*.

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Pulmonology joint with The
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Session Western Society of Allergy,
Asthma and Immunology
Kauai, Hawaii | June 16-20, 2012
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Clinical Immunology Congress 2012
Geneva, Switzerland |
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68th American Academy of Allergy
Asthma and Immunology Annual
Meeting
Orlando, FL, United States | June 20-22, 2012
COPD8 International Conference
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Disease
Birmingham, United Kingdom |
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Immunology
Rome, Italy |
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Quebec, Canada |
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Conference
Geneva, Switzerland | September 1-5, 2012
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European Respiratory Society
Vienna, Austria |
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Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
Forum
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Respiratory Group World
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Edinburgh, United Kingdom | October 20-25, 2012
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Aims and scope

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Columns

The columns in the issues of *WJR* will include: (1) Editorial: To introduce and comment on the substantial advance and its importance in the fast-developing areas; (2) Frontier: To review the most representative achievements and comment on the current research status in the important fields, and propose directions for the future research; (3) Topic Highlight: This column consists of three formats, including (A) 10 invited review articles on a hot topic, (B) a commentary on common issues of this hot topic, and (C) a commentary on the 10 individual articles; (4) Observation: To update the development of old and new questions, highlight unsolved problems, and provide strategies on how to solve the questions; (5) Guidelines for Clinical Practice: To provide guidelines for clinical diagnosis and treatment; (6) Review: To systemically review the most representative progress and unsolved problems in the major scientific disciplines, comment on the current research status, and make suggestions on the future work; (7) Original Articles: To originally report the innovative and valuable findings in respirology; (8) Brief Articles: To briefly report the novel and innovative findings in respirology; (9) Case Report: To report a rare or typical case; (10) Letters to the Editor: To discuss and make reply to the contributions published in *WJR*, or to introduce and comment on a controversial issue of general interest; (11) Book Reviews: To introduce and comment on quality monographs of respirology; and (12) Guidelines: To introduce consensus and guidelines reached by international and national academic authorities worldwide on the research in respirology.

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