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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

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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<sup>[1]</sup> and in a number of cancers<sup>[2]</sup>. Frequent focal FGFR1 amplification was identified in

squamous cell lung cancer<sup>[3]</sup>, and FGFR1 dependency could become therapeutically relevant.

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Kauai, Hawaii

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Obstructive Pulmonary Disease  
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New York, NY, United States

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Conference 2012  
Edinburgh, United Kingdom

April 28-29, 2012

Houston Lung Symposium  
Houston, TX, United States

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American Thoracic Society ATS 2012  
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San Francisco, CA, United States

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Clinical Immunology Congress 2012  
Geneva, Switzerland

June 20-22, 2012

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Birmingham, United Kingdom

August 18-23, 2012

15th International Congress of  
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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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