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Abstract

The first issue of the *World Journal of Clinical Urology* (*WJCU*), whose preparatory work was initiated on December 6, 2010, will be published on December 28, 2011. The *WJCU* Editorial Board has now been established and consists of 101 distinguished experts from 25 countries. Our purpose in launching the *WJCU* is to publish peer-reviewed, high-quality articles *via* an open-access online publishing model, thereby acting as a platform for communication between peers and the wider public, and maximizing the benefits to editorial board members, authors and readers.

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INTRODUCTION

I am Makoto Ohori, a Professor from Tokyo Medical

University (Figure 1) and the Editor-in-Chief of *World Journal of Clinical Urology* (*World J Clin Urol*, *WJCU*, online ISSN 2219-2816, DOI: 10.5410). I am very pleased to announce that the first issue of *WJCU*, whose preparatory work was initiated on December 6, 2010, will be published on December 28, 2011. The *WJCU* is a bimonthly peer-reviewed, online, open-access, journal supported by an editorial board consisting of 101 experts in experimental medicine from 25 countries.

There have been considerable technical and scientific innovations in the urological field in the last two decades. In addition, our methods of checking the progress of these innovations have dramatically changed from paper publications to internet. Following an unprecedented boom in online journals, this has filtered into many medical fields as well. Our new free-online journal, *WJCU*, would like to play an important role in providing medical information to both patients and their physicians.

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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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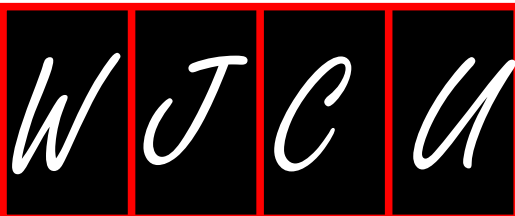
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There is a proverb about not seeing the wood for the trees, which suggests that we should not be caught up with trivial matters and lose sight of the big picture. Similarly, we need good study design and statistical supports not to lose “sight of the big picture”. On the other hand, we need to realize how important each tree is in our medical field. *WJCU* will focus on both tree and wood related to all urological diseases and provide a place to communicate, therefore, we encourage all colleagues to actively use this online free journal. It is our hope that this fine collection of articles will be a valuable resource for *WJCU* readers and will stimulate further research into the vibrant area of urology.

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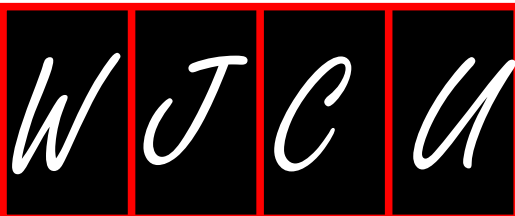
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The British Association of Urological
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Glasgow, United Kingdom

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Renal and Bladder Cancer 2012
London, United Kingdom

February 4-7, 2012

European Urology Forum 2012
Davos, Switzerland

February 6 - 10, 2012

2012 Mayo Clinic Meeting: Reviews
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Hapuna Beach, HI, United States

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Winston Salem, NC, United States

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Sibenik, Croatia

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Aims and scope

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