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INTRODUCTION

I am Antonio La Cava, a Professor from the University of California Los Angeles (Figure 1), and together with Seung-Yong Seong, MD, PhD, Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, we will be the co-Editor-in-Chief for *World Journal of Immunology (World J Immunol, WJI)*, online ISSN 2219-2824, DOI: 10.5411). I am very pleased to announce that the first issue of *WJI*, on which preparation was initiated on November 30, 2010, is officially published on December 27, 2011. *WJI* is a bimonthly peer-reviewed, online, open-access, journal supported by an editorial board consisting of 99 experts in immunology from 23 countries. It is my great honor and pleasure to introduce *WJI* as a new forum for both fundamental and clinical immunology. By covering immunological advances in cellular, biochemical and molecular biology; *in vitro* and *in vivo* investigations; basic, translational and clinical immune work, animal models and human studies, *WJI* appears well suited for a broad audience

that has an interest in the multiple subdisciplines of the expanding world of immunology.

Although there are already many journals focusing on immunology, the launch of *WJI* responds to the major technological shift in academic publishing practices during the last decade, that with the internet witnessed an unprecedented revolution in the way science is published and communicated^[1]. *WJI* aims to extend this aspect to immunologists who want their work published rapidly for access to a broad audience.

WJI publishes papers without size limits with a quick editorial turnaround and time-to-publication process, aiming at rapidly reporting results of immunological research through a platform that can facilitate the translation of knowledge into improved human health. To ensure advantages for both authors and readers and the high quality of the published work, submitted manuscripts undergo critical peer review prior to publication.

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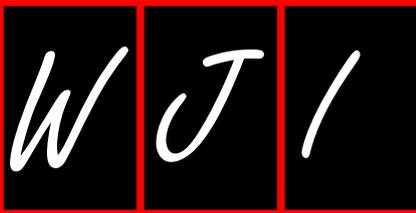
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In summary, we propose *WJI* as a new forum that can provide answers to important questions on a wide array of topics across multiple immunological disciplines through open access. With our innovative and ambitious publisher, *WJI* will contribute to the swift communication of scientific results in immunology, and contribute to make immunological research more open.

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 Colorado, CO, United States

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