

Editorial

The Launch of the American Journal of Translational Research

As we celebrate the New Year of 2009, we are pleased to announce that the *American Journal of Translational Research* has been launched with the strong support and enthusiastic participation of the editorial members and fellow investigators from the biomedical research community.

Translational medicine encompasses some of the oldest knowledge that the human race has developed. Every early human civilization has its distinct recognition for medicine to treat illness. These resources are cumulative and immense. The recent advancement in understanding human genome function as well as other technologies eagerly accelerates this process in a global manner.

Since the beginning of the twenty-first century, translational research in medicine has emerged as one of the hottest “Key Words” in today’s medical research. Improvement in effective prevention and therapeutics for major human diseases such as cancer, neurological, cardiovascular and infectious disease remains an urgent, yet challenging process. The transition from bench-to-bedside for basic biomedical discoveries and the new emphasis on personalized therapy demands that we accelerate translational research. Increasing the efficiency of each step leading to successful therapeutics and prevention and making medical discoveries readily accessible is of paramount importance.

As a new open-access, peer-reviewed online journal, the *American Journal of Translational Research* is dedicated to publication of original work and review articles of top quality in translational medicine and to providing a free forum for rapid dissemination of novel discoveries in translational research. The online-only format will greatly shorten the time needed from the acceptance of a manuscript to publication, while open access will allow all readers from the medical science community to utilize all material published in this journal freely without obstacle. While providing all these benefits, manuscripts published in this journal are still subject to formal peer-review and are expected to meet the most rigorous standards of academic excellence.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our editorial board members, very supportive authors and caring colleagues for their suggestions that have made the launch of this new journal possible. With your unending support and participation, we are very confident that *American Journal of Translational Research* will yield great contributions to the biomedical community very soon.

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