The Present and Future Perspectives and Goals of JGHD

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Editorial Note

It is a great pleasure for me to greet and welcome this new journal called "Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatobiliary Disorders" (JGHD), which is published in the online and in the open access way.

Also, we want to welcome all the future readers who are interested in the study and understanding of the current status of various digestive diseases and hepatobiliary disorders.

It has been assembled an excellent Editorial Committee composed of a selected group of experts in the different processes, from several countries, which will evaluate the manuscripts received with great rigor by following a peer review system.

Digestive diseases are very common throughout the world and many have a chronic course and require regular checks for proper handling. They also suffer frequent exacerbations by the course of the disease itself or in conjunction with associated complications, which represent a common reason for visits to hospital emergency, the prompt and effective resolution of these through appropriate therapeutic procedures.

The main objectives of this new journal are to disseminate work related to the wide variety of digestive diseases, presenting these through the study and analysis of well-designed series of cases, giving opportunity to many clinicians and researchers to present their results with a wide range of pathologies of the esophagus, stomach and duodenum, small intestine and colon; benign causes such as ulcerations, chronic inflammation and malignant tumors that affect them in different locations.

Diseases affecting the liver and biliary tract will also be addressed in its various aspects and types of conditions. Although it is not clearly specified in the title of the journal, it is dedicated to the various types of pancreatic diseases which include both acute and chronic inflammatory diseases.

Especially it is devoted to a work with systematic reviews, meta-analysis studies and it welcomes both national and international collaborative multicenter studies.

In addition to the clinical studies conducted in patients, we are also very interested to receive other types of studies, such as experimental and epidemiological studies related to quality of life, expanding the perspectives of the study of various gastroenterological and hepatobiliary diseases.

Diagnostic and therapeutic progress in Gastroenterology and Hepatology in recent decades has been really very important and these achievements will be faithfully reflected in the various papers to be published.

Among the former, we would emphasize the progress achieved with therapeutic endoscopy in the management, prevention of diseases of the digestive tract and its effectiveness in preventing colon cancer by spreading the screening programs worldwide to a great extent.

In the field of liver diseases it should be emphasized that the introduction of directly acting anti-viral agents, drugs which are using in high rates for patients chronically infected with the hepatitis C virus.

JGHD therefore presents a clear commitment to service and scientific information to all clinical gastroenterologists and hepatologists worldwide and look forward to a positive and appropriate response by the majority of authors and future readers.

I want to thank all of you, for your help and active cooperation in the near future.

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Editor in Chief of JGHD

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