

## Letter from the Editor

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### *Dear Colleague*

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We look forward your participation in this new journal, which will surely play an important role in keeping professionals updated on the most relevant advances in the field of respiratory and pulmonary diseases.

*David Price*

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