

## Letter from the Editor

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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.

*W Michael Alberts*

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