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Let's wish JIM a long and brilliant life!

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Dear Readers,

Today is a great day; *Journal of Intensive Medicine* is born. You can just call it *JIM*. You must be wondering why we are launching a new journal since so many means of disseminating scientific information all over the world already exist. Compared to 15 years ago, hundreds of new medical journals have emerged and social media has developed rapidly. As soon as medical information deemed important is revealed, it is immediately disseminated and, in a few seconds, relayed on social networks. With the worldwide use of smartphones, tablets and computers, it is difficult these days for the medical community members to miss important information. Therefore, you may wonder why we are launching a new medical journal dedicated to critical care medicine. The following points should help you to understand our approach.

First, it was deemed important for the Chinese Society of Critical Care Medicine - Chinese Medical Association, to invest in a journal that publishes articles in English, the universal language for communication of scientific information worldwide. Today, the only way to disseminate scientific information widely and to communicate with researchers of other countries.

Second, there is a limited number of high-level journals dedicated to critical care medicine. About thirty journals only are dedicated to this field of medicine and have an Impact Factor delivered by Web of Science. As you certainly know, the Impact Factor, which roughly considers the number of cited arti-

cles (by indexed journals) and the number of published articles during a given period, is clearly a marker of quality for a scientific journal, although it cannot be the only one. Journals with a high Impact Factor generally have low acceptance rates of submitted manuscripts (often less than 20%). Therefore, there is still a place for new journals to publish good research papers and hence to gain in scientific quality rapidly. As you probably know, many new open-access journals have been launched over the last years. However, most of them are fake and they aim to earn money (taken from the authors) and publish papers without any peer-review process. Unlike these predatory journals, the policy of *JIM* is to apply a rigorous peer-review process to all the submitted manuscripts and this should guarantee an excellent scientific quality of the papers ultimately published. Clearly, the aim of the Editorial Board of *JIM* is to publish good research papers to get an Impact Factor and thus, to enter a virtuous circle consisting of publishing more and more high-quality papers and obtaining a better Impact factor, year after year. Now, it should be stressed that getting a first Impact Factor is a difficult process, which takes a minimum of five years from the date of the journal launch. If the Editorial Board of *JIM* works very hard and, if you - readers and authors - help us in a win-win process, we can hope to obtain a first Impact Factor in 2026. It looks far away but there are essential steps that cannot be bypassed and we all know that time flies very quickly.

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To fulfill its objectives, *JIM* relies on a high-quality international Editorial Board with Editorial Board members working in different countries, essentially the United States of America, China, and European countries. All these members are highly recognized experts in the various fields of critical care medicine. I am very honored to have been invited to be one of the two Editors-in-Chief of *JIM*. I now have quite a long experience as an author (essentially in the field of hemodynamics), as a reviewer (for about 15 international medical journals) and, as an Editor-in-Chief (*Annals of Intensive Care*) for more than 10 years. I am willing to put my experience at the service of *JIM* and I am proud to share this responsibility with Prof. Dechang Chen, who is today, one of the leaders of critical care medicine in China. I have a lot of respect and admiration for what he is doing with his excellent teams in Ruijin Hospitals affiliated to Shanghai Jiaotong University School of Medicine. Together, we are willing to put all our energy into serving the journal and make it grow up. The other Editorial Board members of *JIM* were chosen for their great reputation in different fields of our specialty. They

all accepted with enthusiasm to be part of this exciting project. Prof. Chen and I count on their expertise and professionalism to achieve the high objectives of *JIM*. Nevertheless, we all have to bring up our journal like we would bring up a child, very carefully without skipping any stage of the growth process, so that once *JIM* reaches the stage of maturity, it can have all the assets to compete with other high-level journals and importantly to fulfill its mission of disseminating high-quality scientific information.

Our main goal is to make you readers happy to be able to improve your knowledge and ultimately manage your patients even better.

Let's wish *JIM* a brilliant future and a long life...!

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