

## Editor's note

I am pleased to present the August issue of the *JGH Open* which includes an editorial, written by Professor Ian Roberts-Thomson, on the causation of ulcerative colitis which is based on our leading article by Roediger entitled: *Causation of human ulcerative colitis: A lead from an animal model that mirrors human disease*.

We look forward to receiving articles of similar high quality on all aspects of gastroenterology and hepatology. Our emphasis has been, from the start, on good and quick reviews, prompt decision and an expedited publication of all accepted articles submitted to the journal. Our focus remains on clinically

based papers as well as relevant experimental translational papers. We have also been receiving many excellent case reports, and our open format allows us flexibility in accepting the majority of these submissions.

The editors continue to work hard in improving the standards of the journal. At the same time, we hope more and more authors will submit to the *JGH Open* in the months ahead.

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