

## A new initiative in the field of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology

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### Foreword

It is a pleasure to write a forward for the launch of Internet Journal of rheumatology and clinical immunology, a new initiative to fill in the gap of open access journals in India. It will be dedicated to clinicians and researchers to publish and share their data in the field of rheumatic diseases. As the number of rheumatologists and clinical immunologists with varied experiences are growing, an open access journal with a multidisciplinary focus will be an ideal platform to further our knowledge.

Current medical practice is focusing more on the adoption of knowledge-based therapeutic interventions in routine clinical practice to maximize the treatment benefit and reduce the risk. The use of targeted therapy including biological and small molecules like kinase inhibitors in rheumatic diseases has opened up a whole new translational era that have revolutionized the rheumatological practice landscape. The scope of the journal, covering the full spectrum of treatment and practice, and its open-access nature is expected to

facilitate the use of research and knowledge sharing. Recent introduction of newer treatment strategies, early diagnosis, and change in the disease definition have dramatically changed the spectrum of rheumatic disease presentation all over the world. Hence, it is significant to further investigate the natural history of the disease and the expected complication with respect to the present diagnostic and treatment scenarios. In order to amass the experience of clinicians worldwide, the journal and its editorial team has also planned to bring in special thematic issues dedicated to publish case series, epidemiological studies, audit reports and other reviews, and original research.

I hope that the wide variety of topics covered in this journal will help the clinicians and researchers to stay update in this field and also to widen their knowledge. Also, we look forward to your thoughts and feedback to augment the quality of our journal.

Enjoy and be part of this drive.

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