



Editorial

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Dear Friends,

As you may have noticed on the cover of our journal or on our website, the *Journal of Clinical Immunology* is now officially the *International Journal of Inborn Errors of Immunity and Related Diseases*. Consistently, we have recently published the latest classification of inborn errors of immunity by the IUIS committee for primary immunodeficiencies [1, 2]. In that regard, we write to share exciting news, with the recruitment of four new Associate Editors (AEs) who bring outstanding expertise in important areas of inborn errors of immunity, and also to encourage you to submit case reports of patients or families with inborn errors of immunity as Letters to the Editors.

Indeed, we have expanded our team of AEs, to better cover the wide range of phenotypes caused by inborn errors of immunity, and the equally growing number of gene defects and immunological mechanisms. Our board of AEs now includes the following colleagues: Luigi Notarangelo (National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, USA), Josh Milner (National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, USA), Helen Su (National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, USA), Talal Chatila (Harvard Children's Hospital, Boston, MA, USA), Abraham Roshini (Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, USA), Yanick Crow (University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK), Anne Puel (Necker Hospital for Sick Children, Paris, France, EU), Isabelle Meyts (Catholic University of Leuven,

Belgium, EU), Jose Luis Franco (Antioquia University, Medellin, Colombia), Tomohiro Morio (Tokyo Medical and Dental University, Tokyo, Japan), and Stuart Tangye (Garvan Institute of Medical Research, Sydney, Australia). These AEs have made terrific contributions to various areas in the field. Additionally, they are diverse, not only in terms of age and gender, but also in terms of geographical representation.

Second, we wish to encourage you all to submit case reports and other short communications as Letters to the Editors. We want to encourage the community to share genetic, immunological, and clinical studies based on single patients or single families. We are convinced that these case reports form the bricks of our field. A new connection between a genotype, known or novel, and a phenotype, cellular or clinical, can be illuminating and pave the way for a fruitful line of research. We encourage you to submit Letters related to any of the many phenotypes that have gradually, over the years, been associated with inborn errors of immunity, in each of the five broad categories well known in the field, namely infection, auto-inflammation, auto-immunity, allergy, and malignancy. Needless to say, we will only publish case reports that are truly solid, novel, and advance the field. Detailed instructions to authors can be found at <https://www.springer.com/biomed/immunology/journal/10875>. Please do not hesitate to write to us ahead of submission, or to any of the AEs, if you would like to discuss whether and how your study could be formatted as a Letter to the Editors.

To help us attract the most interesting case reports from all continents, we will also soon appoint “Society Editors,” corresponding to each of the societies affiliated with the *Journal of Clinical Immunology*. Currently, seven societies in the field of inborn errors of immunity are affiliated with the journal, namely the Clinical Immunology Society (CIS, North America), the European Society for Immunodeficiency (ESID, Europe), The J Project (JP, Eastern Europe), the African Society for Immunodeficiency (ASID, Africa), the Latin American Society for Immunodeficiency (LASID, Latin America), the Indian Society for Primary

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Immunodeficiency (ISPID, India), and the Japanese Society for Immunodeficiency and Auto-inflammatory Diseases (JSIAD, Japan). We hope that other national, regional, and continental societies will soon join us, to make our journal the international journal in the growing field of inborn errors of immunity and related diseases. As explained in an accompanying paper [3], the Journal of Clinical Immunology is also now the official journal of the International Alliance of Primary Immune Deficiency Societies (IAPIDS). The four pillars of IAPIDS are the CIS, ESID, LASID, and ASID, and the aim of the Alliance is to regroup the major societies in the field of inborn errors of immunity, from the four corners of the world to foster the harmonious development of our field. The Journal of Clinical Immunology will contribute to this endeavor with anticipation of what will be accomplished for the field as we work together, and with great enthusiasm.

In that regard, it is our belief that there are not enough papers that describe and document the clinical presentations of patients with inborn errors of immunity, especially those patients who have only recently been diagnosed with new forms and presentations of primary immunodeficiencies. Great insights, of benefit to these patients and academia, will arise from publication of such studies. An obvious but neglected lesson that can repeatedly be drawn from each case report, is that each patient is unique. There are no “diseases” per se—only patients. What the medical community currently refers to as “precision medicine” is not new. This concept was already known hundred years ago as “chemical individuality,” an expression coined by Archibald Garrod. Not coincidentally, Garrod discovered the first Mendelian traits in humans by the careful study of case reports!

We thus encourage all our readers to submit their best case reports for review by our Editorial Board. We thank you for your interest in and support of the *Journal of Clinical Immunology*.



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