



Editorial for the Inaugural Issue of Annals of Biomedical Research

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Editorial

It is my great honor and privilege to have accepted an invitation to serve as the Editor-in-Chief of Annals of Biomedical Research. On behalf of editorial board members, we would like to forward a warm welcome to your readership of this new forum on biomedical science. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thank researchers worldwide for prospective authorship and cooperation as anonymous reviewers. We will be dedicated to provide the scientific and medical community with important findings and thoughts in biomedical and diverse disciplines relevant to biomedicine.

When pondering over the term 'biomedical', one may be struck by broadness and diversity of areas that this word connotes. Our expectation is that a forum with a loose definition of scope may help some researches trying to cross over boundaries between disciplines, such as, biochemistry, molecular biology, computational biology, physiology, microbiology, immunology, pathology, medical engineering, pharmacy, pharmacology, computational biology, epidemiology, hematology, oncology, surgery, anesthesiology, and other areas of clinical medicine. For example, anesthesiologists may conceive interesting pharmacological or physiological questions. Neutrophil extracellular trap (NET) exemplifies a previously uncharted area relevant to both critical care medicine and innate immunity. Systematic profiling of transcripts/proteins/antibodies and epigenetic analyses aided by computational methods are now important in not only studies on metabolic diseases but also those on autoimmune diseases, cancer biology, cancer immunology, clinical oncology and other studies. We encourage submissions of manuscripts on researches of diverse areas.

The editorial board of Annals of Biomedical Research is committed to the rigorous peer-review of all submitted manuscripts. Nonetheless, we believe it is possible to support free and constructive discussions without compromising scientific rigor. With careful descriptions of conditions and limitations of studies, or with comprehensive and insightful discussions, we believe that rather preliminary datasets still have a chance for dissemination in various formats, besides full-length papers. So, we also try to share relatively preliminary data, unpublished materials for thesis, and commentaries on any medical/clinical topics.

This inaugural issue is released with two articles. First is a review article of my group on an antifibrotic drug pirfenidone which was a major development in treatment of fibrotic diseases [1]. This is an example representing successful efforts to integrate many disciplines including biology, pharmaceutical and clinical researches. In the case of pirfenidone, preclinical efficaciousness came first and molecular mechanisms were studied later. In addition, we

publish a Seki et al. which is a population-based analysis focusing on body weight change of non-obese Asian adults as a risk factor for diabetes mellitus [2]. This study adds to recent studies addressing the concern of high prevalence of diabetes even among non-obese adults in East Asian nations.

It is my personal excitement that my recent editorial activities in association with several publishers have brought me to the association with eSciRes, a publisher which I think is making efforts on cost performance. Recently, OA journals seem to have diverged in terms of the way to manage the balance between cost and performance, and emergence of diverse OA journals may reflect dynamism that engenders various venues and forums for researchers worldwide. It would be my pleasure if my work helps researchers who seek a low publication fee without compromising the quality of reviewing/editing.

The future looks bright for biomedical research that links distinct disciplines in biology and medicine. Our hope is that Annals of Biomedical Research may become a small but meaningful help to ambitious budding researchers worldwide.

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