Editorial

As I assume the role of Editor-in-Chief of *Current Therapeutic Research*, I hope to continue the journal's objective of providing exceptional and informative publications to the scientific community. Under the leadership of Dr. Michael Weintraub, *Current Therapeutic Research* has focused on providing high-quality articles to a global audience in a timely fashion. The bimonthly journal is now distributed to over 33 countries and has an online readership exceeding 6 million. During his tenure, Dr. Weintraub also established the *Trials in Special Populations* section in an effort to recognize the importance of therapeutic trials that address the diversity in our changing world. I am pleased that Dr. Weintraub will continue to serve the journal as Editor Emeritus. I look forward to building on the journal's progress as I assume the role of Editor-in-Chief.

I bring to the journal a background in both medicine and public health. I completed training in internal medicine and pediatrics at Duke University before focusing on infectious diseases training at the University of Washington. I am committed to research in resource-poor settings, primarily focusing on HIV/AIDS and parasitic diseases. My research has led me all over the globe, from Nepal and Thailand to my current area of interest, Kenya. I believe this background will strongly influence my goals as Editor-in-Chief of *Current Therapeutic Research*.

My hope for the continued excellence of the journal began with a simple question: what can *Current Therapeutic Research* offer the global scientific community that the thousands of other available scientific journals do not? In reading issues from the past few years, I found several aspects of *Current Therapeutic Research* that I think are both unique and important. The most significant of these is the commitment of the editorial board to the timely publication of high-quality scientific data from all areas of the world.

New information must be made available rapidly to keep pace with the increasing speed of scientific development and acquisition of knowledge. The strong commitment of *Current Therapeutic Research* to review and publish articles quickly means that new advances in therapeutic research can be available in print within weeks of acceptance.

Another unique attribute of *Current Therapeutic Research* is our commitment to working with authors for whom English may not be a native language. *Current Therapeutic Research* employs a talented editorial staff who can assist authors in producing articles in clear, concise language, ensuring that their scientific data are easily understood by the journal's international readership.

While the future may seem unpredictable in many regards, some directions of change are quite evident. We are becoming an increasingly interdependent global community. International events have a direct and immediate impact on our lives like never before. In addition, information is being disseminated to a much wider audience and at an incredible pace. It is my hope

that by continuing to focus on publishing scientific data of exceptional quality from around the world, and by doing so in an efficient and timely manner, *Current Therapeutic Research* will continue to fill a unique and important niche in the world of scientific publishing.

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