It is a great honor and pleasure for me to be involved as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Neurogastroenterology and Motility. This is an exciting time for our field. The launch of a new journal dedicated to the field has been long overdue. It is a proper response to the dire need of an additional option for publications related to neurogastroenterology and motility. The Journal of Neurogastroenterology and Motility has evolved from a society publication, named the Korean Journal of Neurogastroenterology and Motility, to a journal that represents the Asian Neurogastroenterology and Motility Association (ANMA). The new journal will serve as a publication intended for investigators in Asia as well as those from other parts of the world. The intention is to have a highly competitive journal with a rigorous peer-reviewed process that is specifically focused on the field of neurogastroenterology and motility. Presently, the field is left with one journal, limiting the options for investigators to find another respected journal for their publications.

The founders of this new journal, a group of highly esteemed neurogastroenterology and motility experts from Asia, are dedicated to the establishment of a high-quality journal. Our goal is to achieve a reputable journal that will be highly respected and commonly referenced by investigators. We hope to obtain our goals within a relatively short period of time. We expect that the journal will lead the field in many of the exciting and new areas of neurogastroenterology and motility. I am supported by an excellent group of Associate Editors, and thus I am personally convinced that we will be able to become a highly desirable journal in gastroenterology and more specifically in neurogastroenterology and motility.

I am very excited about the unique opportunity that was given to me to serve as the Editor-in-Chief of this journal. In my new role, I plan to dedicate my time to develop proper scientific directions for this journal. Both areas of basic and clinical science will receive respectful attention by myself and the journal. I am looking forward to working very closely with the Associate Editors and the Editorial Board. I strongly encourage all those in the field of neurogastroenterology and motility to submit their high-quality publications to our journal and thus be involved in one of the most important events in the field that occurred during the first decade of the new millennium.

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