

What is the purpose of launching the *World Journal of Methodology*?

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Abstract

Congratulations to the publisher, members of the editorial board of the journal, all the authors and readers for launching the *World Journal of Methodology (WJM)* as a new member of the World series journal family! Scientific advances and important breakthroughs have been facilitated by well developed methodologies or techniques and any misleading findings and theories are exclusively attributable to certain methodological defects. Thus, the role of appropriate methodologies in the development of science and technology cannot be overemphasized and the need for inaugurating this new journal is self-evident. The *WJM* is a peer-reviewed open-access periodical centered in biomedical sciences but with multidisciplinary coverage. If you want to share any new methodologies, any experiences of the application or improvement of such methodologies and any methodology-related academic issues with your peers, you will find the *WJM* a good media to publish your papers!

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I am Yicheng Ni (Figure 1), a full professor from University of Leuven, Belgium and the editor-in-chief of *World Journal of Methodology (WJM)*. It is my great honor to introduce the *WJM* as a new forum for exchanging thoughts and experiences about any methodological approaches to solving problems in research in both fundamental and clinical medicine. Congratulations to the publisher, members of editorial board of the journal, all the authors and readers for this memorable event!

I am very pleased to announce that the first issue of the *WJM*, on which preparation was initiated on April 5, 2011, is officially published on September 26, 2011. The *WJM* Editorial Board has now been established and consists of 238 distinguished experts from 41 countries. What is the purpose of launching *WJM*? And what is

experiences on the application or improvement of such methodologies in biomedical research and any methodology-related academic issues with your peers, the *WJM* is a place you can feel at home!

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