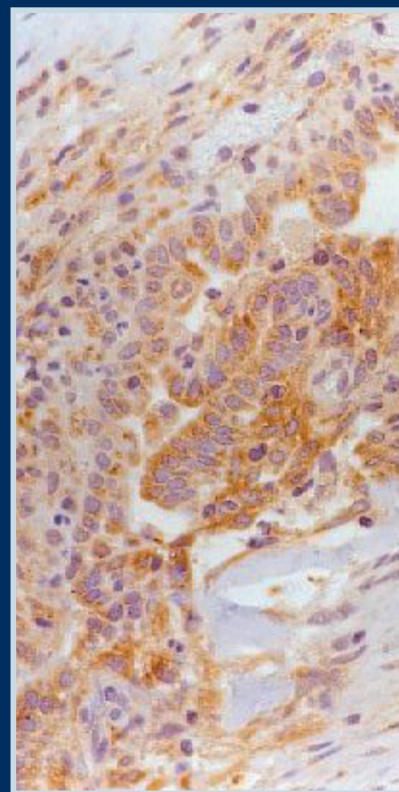
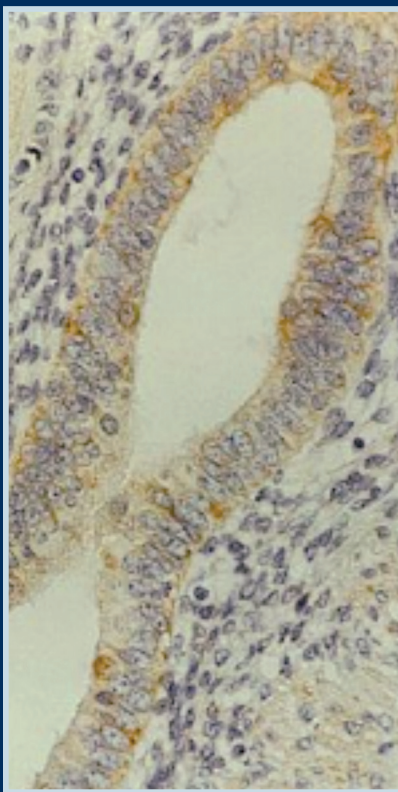
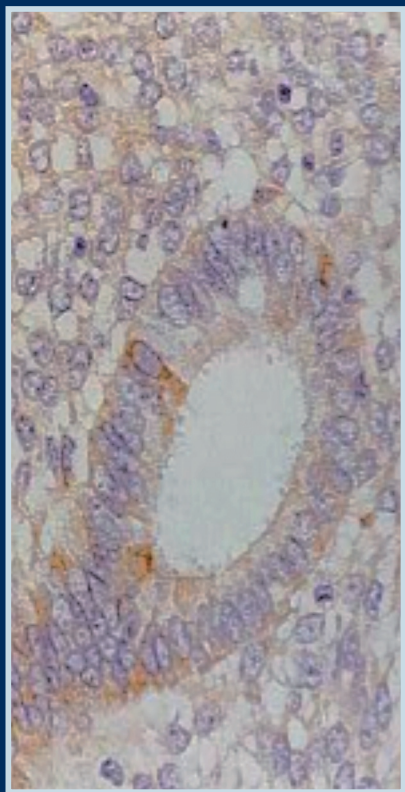


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Foreword

The new Journal

Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to introduce you a new journal. The name is "*Journal of Endometriosis*" and accurately reflects the content and well defines the scope of the journal's audience. The journal aims to promote, share and update the international knowledge about basic and clinical investigations on endometriosis.

We know that endometriosis is a very common gynecological condition, responsible for significant morbidity and social-economic impact (90 million women suffer from endometriosis all over the world). Endometriosis is a multifactorial polygenic genetic disorder characterized by a large variety of symptoms which affect not only the reproduction health, but also the general physical, mental and social well-being.

Pathogenesis, diagnosis and treatment are still open areas of investigations and involve a large series of specialists. Endocrinology, immunology, pathology were classically disciplines interested in endometriosis, but in the last two decades also radiology, urology, gastroenterology, neurology, and psychology have become attracted by this disease.

The *Journal of Endometriosis* will focus on publishing high-quality papers aiming at elucidating the molecular and cellular basis of this pathology as well as the medical/surgical management of the disease. We hope to attract interest from a broader range of researchers and scientists worldwide, reaching a high impact factor in a short time. We encourage scientific contributions, but also suggestions for inclusion to facilitate advance research worldwide, provide cross-cultural input into the research process, develop potential lead investigators for endometriosis research groups around the world, and attract new researchers in endometriosis.

We welcome Original Articles, as well as Review Papers on the various topics involved in endometriosis. A session for Rapid Communications will also be reserved for the papers who announce critical observations and results. Announcement of symposia or meetings are also welcome as well as a Forum for Patients Association is available. Wichtig Editore Medical Publisher is available for classified advertisements.

The 2009 plan is to publish 4 issues (quarterly), but we hope to expand the journal to a bimonthly publication soon.

A journal is only as strong as its Editorial team; therefore, I thank all the Associate Editors, the Editorial Board, the Assistant Editors for accepting to serve this new journal. A special thank also to Professor Diego Brancaccio, the Scientific Director of Wichtig Editore Medical Publisher, who firstly believed in creating a scientific journal entirely dedicated to endometriosis.

We all welcome you to this new exciting and stimulating challenge, and we hope to receive a great number of contributions for the *Journal of Endometriosis*.

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