

EDITORIAL

The scientific advance in molecular biology today is almost incomparable with any other progress in medical sciences before. The sign and symptoms, as well as the diagnoses and mechanisms of the pathogenesis of human diseases must now be explained in molecular terms. Additionally, biological behavior, either balanced or imbalanced, has also been disclosed at molecular level. We experience an enormous growth in our understanding of basic biological processes that take place at this level. The understanding of the change of biological behavior is therefore imperative to understand and apply molecular management. The molecular mechanism(s) of pathogenesis is the core of the development of novel and rational approaches to diseases. All of these improvements lead to the development of molecular medicine, which in turn will change the management of a disease. Molecular medicine is a field that use advances in molecular and cellular biology to characterize the way normal cellular processes either fail, or are subverted, in disease. Medical practitioners, professionals and researchers in the health and life sciences need to be able to understand and evaluate advances in molecular medicine, in which field both basic and clinical scientists have to join forces together in order to address the treatment and cure of human disease for years to come.

To keep abreast with the current development in medical sciences and technology, starting from this edition, *Folia Medica Indonesiana* appears with a new cover. This medical journal still provides the readers with current and comprehensive medical investigations in both basic and clinical researchers. The journal is still also consistently maintaining its mission, which is to enhance the development and the application of current medical sciences and technology. We hope that the articles published in this journal will generate enthusiasm in medical scientific community so that it can result in further advances.

The Editors