Editorial

The editors of *Ophthalmologica* have the pleasure of presenting to our readers this special issue with contributions from mainland China, which has been edited by Professor Patrick C.P. Ho, Hong Kong, and Professor Xun Xu, Shanghai.

The 11 contributions have been compiled to present and represent the high standard and the wide scope of ophthalmic research in the clinic as well as in the lab, in China. They do so quite impressively as we think and

they show that China has definitely entered the international scientific discussion and competition for the best on behalf of the patients.

To our knowledge this is the first time that such a compilation has been published in an international scientific journal. It is a special pleasure for us to contribute to, and we hope to even foster, the exchange of scientific ideas and cooperations worldwide with this issue.

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