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Greetings from the Editors

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We would like to welcome you from the editor's office of the new journal *Health Economics Review* (HER)-the first health economic e-journal. We do believe that the time is right for this type of journal in the fast growing field of health economic research. It will be a very valuable additional option for authors and readers who have an interest in health policy, public health and health economics. The character of an e-journal is that all published research articles have open-access, which means that they are immediately and permanently available online without user charge. In contrast to traditional journals-like the *European Journal of Health Economics* (EJHE)-HRE is financed by fees, covered by the authors.

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