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The supplement, "Antibiotic Resistance," is co-guest edited by *JLME's* editor-in-chief Kevin Outterson and Steven Hoffman. This supplement focuses on the need to establish an international agreement for antibiotic policy. The authors argue that such an agreement should address access, surveillance, prevention, infection control, the needs of the under-served, accountability, and which forums, such as WHO, can help facilitate this policy. That this issue is online only reflects (at least partly) just how "hot off the presses" it actually is. The editorial office of *JLME* agreed to publish the symposium in late spring, and papers were still being revised in meetings in Sweden in June of 2015. It is only because of the dedicated work of guest editors Kevin and Steven that this issue made it to press in so timely a fashion. We are proud that this issue serves as our inaugural exploration of online publishing, and we hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed bringing it to fruition.

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