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Professor Jan Tack is currently Head of Clinic in the Department of Gastroenterology, Professor in Internal Medicine and Chairman of the Department of Clinical and Experimental Medicine at the University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium. He is a founding staff member of TARGID, the Translational Research Center for Gastrointestinal Disorders, at the University of Leuven.

He graduated *summa cum laude* in 1987 from the University of Leuven and specialized in internal medicine and gastroenterology at the same institution. A research fellow at the Department of Physiology at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, USA, from 1989 to 1990, he has been a research fellow at the Center for Gastroenterological Research at the University of Leuven since 1990. Professor Tack's research lies in the field of neurogastroenterology and motility, and includes diverse topics such as the pathophysiology of functional dyspepsia, gastro-esophageal reflux disease and the irritable bowel syndrome, the control of hunger and food intake, and the physiology and pharmacology of the enteric nervous system, GI hormones and intestinal inflammation. Professor Tack is in charge of a large translational research group and has published more than 400 articles and more than 40 book chapters on various aspects of scientific and clinical gastroenterology.

Professor Tack won several awards for Basic and Clinical Research in GI Science. Professor Tack is a board member of the Rome Foundation and Editor-in-Chief of the *United European Gastroenterology Journal*. He is Past President of the International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus and Past President of the European Society for Esophagology. He has served as (associate) editor for *Gut*, *Gastroenterology*, *Neurogastroenterology and Motility* and *Digestion* and serves or has served as a member of the editorial board of *Gastroenterology*, *American Journal of Gastroenterology*, *Alimentary Pharmacology and Therapeutics*, *Journal of Gastroenterology*, *Journal of Internal Medicine* and *Bailliere's Best Practice and Research in Clinical Gastroenterology*.