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Professor Jan Tack is currently Head of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology in the Leuven University Hospital, a Professor in Internal Medicine at the University of Leuven, and a founding researcher 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 conducting research at Leuven University since 1990. Professor Tack's scientific interest focuses on neurogastroenterology and motility, and includes diverse topics such as the pathophysiology and management of gastrointestinal functional and motor disorders (including functional dyspepsia, gastroparesis, gastroesophageal reflux disease, globus, dysphagia, dumping syndrome, chronic constipation, IBS and opioid-induced bowel dysfunction), the physiology and pharmacology of the enteric nervous system, GI hormones and the control of satiation and food intake.

Professor Tack was the promotor of more than 45 Ph.D. fellows. He currently supervises a research group which comprises 10 Ph.D. fellows, 5 postdocs and 5 technical/support staff. He has published more than 750 articles and 45 book chapters on various aspects of scientific and clinical gastroenterology, generating an h-index of 87.

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