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J-F. Cordier has been involved in the field of rare ''orphan'' diseases for many years. In 1997, he wrote an editorial which was published in the journal *Le Monde*, entitled ''Orphan diseases: the silent exclusion''.

He participated in the preparation of the French National Plan for Rare Diseases (2008–2010), as well as the second National Plan (2011–2014), and has been involved in both committees at the French Ministry of Health. In 1993, he founded the Groupe d'Etudes et de Recherche sur les Maladies ''Orphelines'' Pulmonaires (GERM"O"P), a collaborative group of French clinical researchers investigating rare pulmonary diseases. GERM"O"P has published a number of articles on eosinophilic pneumonias, hereditary haemorrhagic telangiectasia, microscopic polyangiitis and lymphangioleiomyomatosis. He has also contributed to the description of cryptogenic organising pneumonia, pulmonary amyloidosis, idiopathic nonspecific interstitial pneumonia, and the syndrome of combined pulmonary fibrosis and emphysema. Together with S.R. Johnson he published the ERS guidelines for the diagnosis and management of lymphangioleiomyomatosis.

He has been involved in the following consensus statements as a co-author: American Thoracic Society (ATS)/ERS idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis diagnosis and treatment: international consensus statement in 2000; ATS/ERS Multidisciplinary Consensus Classification of the Idiopathic Interstitial Pneumonias in 2002; and the ATS/ERS/Japanese Respiratory Society (JRS)/ Asociación Latínoamericana de Tórax (ALAT) statement on idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis: evidence-based guidelines for diagnosis and management in 2011.

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