Preface

Welcome to this new volume of Reviews on Recent Clinical Trials (RRCT), an international peer-reviewed journal published by Bentham Science and indexed in the main citation database. A new year begins and RRCT aims to continue providing updated articles.

The past two years have been characterized by COVID-19 pandemic. This unexpected scenario has strongly changed the way to perform research and realize a revolution both in basic and applied sciences. In this context, scholars working on COVID-19-related issues have been consulted ahead of political decisions, to manage the impact of pandemic on society and to deliver in few months medical solutions as vaccines and new therapies. However, despite these extraordinary results of human history, there is a rising concern about the negative consequences of COVID-19 on research, with many projects being postponed, the closure of most university research facilities and the substantial decrease of non-COVID-19 publications. One of the main challenges for the scholars is now to mitigate the negative effects of pandemic on health with the support of new digital tools. In fact, many ongoing and future clinical trials have been revised to allow for the implementation of virtual monitoring systems to minimize the risk of infection. In this renewed spirit, RRCT is the perfect space to publish the highest quality manuscripts in medical and pharmacological sciences, or to edit thematic issues on recent clinical trials of major importance. As scientists, we have the responsibility to disseminate the best scientific knowledge available. In this way, policy decisions that are informed by science are critically important in building a foundation for a sustainable future.

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