

EDITORIAL

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Dear reader,

It is a privilege for me and the Editorial Board to introduce a new medical journal, Research and Clinical Medicine. This journal was born after long discussions on its necessity and utility. The story of medical journals is longer than 200 years. In last decades, there were published many new journals, as a consequence of the significant increase of basic and clinical research. Nowadays, it is often difficult to have a precise landscape on a given narrow topic, because articles on the same topic are published in different journals. The type of the journal is also very important, but its rating gives only partial and often unclear information about the quality and value of published articles. Given the large number of journals, the peer-review process performed on voluntary basis in most of the cases, is more “permissive” than some decades ago.

Research has been dramatically changed in last years, particularly because the introduction of new methods of investigation, like molecular biology, gene analysis, high accuracy imaging methods, or laparoscopic and robotic surgery. We live in the era of the genome, but on the other hand, there is a strong need to translate the basic research into the practice as soon as possible. This leads to the better knowledge of normal biological processes, development of new diagnostic procedures and introduction of new therapeutic strategies. Translational medicine is now a well-known concept, but on the other

hand, it is not easy to be achieved. In this journal you will have the opportunity to meet researchers, experienced clinicians, PhD students, and they all could benefit from each others’ experience and possibilities to apply their results into the clinical practice that is in fact, the ultimate goal of the research.

To translate research into practice is an old dream that became reality. Actually, it is the main goal of research to produce knowledge, to improve diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, to introduce new experimental models that could help to understand the many hidden faces of pathology. We strongly encourage submission of manuscripts reflecting not only general and cohort studies, but particularly those focused on personalized medicine and therapy. Nowadays, when “the case” became “the patient”, it is essential to perform a profound investigation with particular importance, like the individual characterization of the lesions, behavior and parameters that can predict the response to therapy.

I know it is very difficult to introduce and maintain a new journal on the real competition of the scientific market. On the other hand, based on the high level of expertise in the field of the members of the Editorial Board, I am sure that Research and Clinical Medicine will find the targeted niche in the medical literature. The open-access of the journal offers the possibility of a rapid and worldwide spread of information, and therefore, authors from all the world are welcome to join us.

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Editor in Chief