Developing integrated platforms for learning and practice: PPCR Journal experience
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We are delighted to release the first edition of the Principles and Practice of Clinical Research Journal (PPCR Journal).

The idea of this journal is to provide a high quality platform for articles related to several aspects of clinical research, from design issues to results of clinical trials, including also novel educational strategies. The journal also aims to offer a platform in which clinical researchers being trained can submit their high quality work to our journal. Based on our experience with our global clinical research course, the Principles and Practice of Clinical Research, we expect that many participants who completed the course successfully will be able to send their best work to PPCR Journal. In this first issue, we have three articles published. Keiko U., in a short review, discusses the challenges and successes of the PPCR course offering some insights that could be useful to other similar global course. Suemoto C in a provoking review discusses the challenges in integrating data from observational trial towards better outcomes for dementia prevention. Finally, Mendes et al., in a short review, show the significant changes in clinical research in the past 50 years using diabetes type II as a case study to demonstrate these changes. These three articles provide an interesting overview of different aspects of clinical research and how challenging and at same time intellectually rewarding the field of clinical research.

We aim to become a major vehicle that can disseminate high quality information in clinical research. PPCR Journal offers a unique opportunity for clinical science training. We look forward to embark in this learning journey in clinical research with our readers, contributors and reviewers.

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