

## ***Editorial***

### **Announcing *Trials from Resource-Limited Settings***

As an HIV/AIDS researcher and clinician living and working in Africa, I am reminded daily of the importance of locally relevant research. It is astounding to realize that while more than two thirds of the 37.8 million people currently infected with HIV live in Africa, only 0.2% of all research manuscripts published in the top 50 biomedical journals come from contributors in Africa.<sup>1,2</sup> The result of this publication bias is that much of the research published today fails to address the needs of the areas hardest hit by this epidemic. While HIV is a dramatic example of this need for locally relevant research, language and publication bias are pervasive across all medical disciplines. What can we do as scientists, clinicians, teachers, and researchers to improve this situation?

Reflecting back over my first year as Editor-in-Chief of *Current Therapeutic Research*, I am struck by the many unique strengths of this journal. Perhaps the most notable strength is the inclusion of manuscripts from so many different countries from authors who speak so many different languages. This journal has long had a commitment to working with authors to refine manuscripts and ensure that well-designed studies can be published in *Current Therapeutic Research*. The editors of this journal collaborate with authors to standardize formatting and clarify study design and methods. In addition, our editors provide significant assistance to authors for whom English is a second language.

I believe it is time that the journal take the next step and make the inclusion of articles from resource-limited settings a key priority. To this end, we are announcing a new section in the journal entitled, "Trials from Resource-Limited Settings," and we will begin accepting manuscript submissions immediately. Working closely with the publisher, the editors of this journal are beginning to work to identify mechanisms to solicit manuscripts from resource-limited settings for inclusion. I believe the addition of this section will enrich the content and quality of this journal and may ultimately have a far-reaching impact on therapeutic research efforts in these countries.

It is my hope that this direction of focus will build on the inherent strengths of the journal while contributing in a significant way to the medical literature. As readers and contributors to the journal, your continued support can make this endeavor a success. Thank you for your continued readership.

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