A journey of case reports to mainstream research publication

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Editorial

The publication of case report is vital in disseminating clinical information to the scientific community. Since preparation of case report takes typically less time compared to preparation time of full research paper, case reports play significant role in reporting novel findings and techniques with faster publication rate. The mainstream research journals have predominance of articles that are prepared from the results of large clinical trials. In academic and non-academic institutions, young medical professionals often feel pressure of publishing papers since various regulatory bodies require publication in scientific journals for the promotion of an individual within the department. It is a common practice to secure research grants to conduct clinical research trials; however, it is not possible for financing bodies to support all the research trials. Thus, many young medical professionals may not be successful in securing funding for the clinical trials, and those individuals are often limited to publishing case reports, brief communications, and short review articles.

Recently, regulatory bodies have realized the difficulties encountered by young professionals in publishing their research work in reputed medical journals. For instance, Medical Council of India has amended its rules in 2009 so that medical professionals presenting their research work in national and international conferences as first author will be recognized and such achievement will be counted towards the promotion to higher academic positions in medical colleges in India. It must be noted that clinical trials, which require long time for completion, are often published by senior medical professionals. Hence, case reports with faster publication rate can provide evidences that are essential for the generation of new research trials.

It is very pleasing to note that Journal of Case Reports in Oncology and Therapy (JCROT) has taken an initiative to publish case reports. This certainly further encourages medical professionals to present their novel findings to the medical community. The editorial board of the JCROT encourages authors to submit original case reports in the field of oncology and therapy for publication in the JCROT.

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