

Preface

As the Editor-in-Chief of “Current Drug Abuse Reviews” (CDAR, online ISSN: 1874-4745, print ISSN: 1874-4737), a peer-reviewed journal, I wish a warm welcome to all the readers. CDAR is an international peer-reviewed journal, which seeks contributions of the highest quality reviews, meta-analyses and clinical trial studies on all latest advances on psychoactive substances, addiction and other related mental disorders from an integrated and interdisciplinary perspective. Book reviews are also published. Currently, CDAR is indexed in MEDLINE/PubMed, Scopus, EMBASE, Chemical Abstracts Service/SciFinder, ChemWeb, Google Scholar, EMCare, Genamics JournalSeek, MediaFinder[®]-Standard Periodical Directory, PubsHub, J-Gate, CNKI Scholar, Suweco CZ, TOC Premier, EBSCO and Ulrich's Periodicals Directory and has successfully completed 10 years of scientific publications. In 2017, CDAR continued to devote particular focus to the *in vitro* and *in vivo* animal and human mechanisms of toxicity of psychoactive substances, namely ethanol, tobacco and illicit substances, emphasizing the preventive measures, public policies and epidemiological studies aiming to reduce abuse-related morbidity and mortality and offering future perspectives for research. A rigorous editorial review was implemented to increase the quality of the articles and to reduce plagiarism and I acknowledge all the efforts of our reviewers.

Due to the increased interest on psychoactive substances and their dichotomous licit and illicit use, the latest and outstanding developments, especially those coming from ethically conducted randomized controlled trials, will certainly help to uncover potential and additional medicinal applications to be implemented on routine practice. The Journal will further comprise an agenda listing relevant meetings and conferences taking place in a near future and we expect to attract scientifically sound manuscripts from all over the world.

Your thematic issues, namely on the new psychoactive substances, will be welcome. Unravelling their pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics mechanisms is a compelling need. As per usual procedure, all such submissions will be peer-reviewed.

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