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Call for papers

The *Journal of Critical Care* has developed a new initiative in publishing scientific research and its contribution to clinical science. We therefore have a call for two types of research.

With the call for Original Clinical Research we will open the Journal for adequately designed research that result, in what frequently referred to as a negative study. At the JCC we think there can be a message in every adequately designed study with use of appropriate statistical methods, whatever the perceived result of the study.

With the call for Redo-Research we intend to add information to already published research. It is frequently difficult to publish a study that uses a similar protocol as an already published study. So, some studies with important results never get reproduced as they might not result in novel results. However, we believe there can be value in exactly reproducing an already published study as this might provide the field with a robust piece of evidence. This is significantly different from meta-analysis and reviews.

Original Clinical Research

For this we ask researchers to submit a study proposal. The topic must be within the scope of clinical Critical Care. The study proposal should contain a short description of the importance and aim of the study, a complete statistical plan together with description of the intended reporting of the data (tables, figures you intend to add to the ultimate manuscript) and analysis of the primary and secondary endpoints. In addition, a short discussion of relevant literature should be added so the context of the study in the current literature is explained.

We will prioritize prospective studies. Experimental studies including animals/cells will not be accepted.

The submitted proposals will be judged and graded by an international jury of Critical Care experts in the field. The proposal with the highest score will be selected as the winner of this call.

The *Journal of Critical Care* will commit to publish the submitted proposal (possibly after revisions as suggested by the jury and editorial team). In addition, the *Journal of Critical Care* will publish the results of the study, whatever the outcome of the study. It is paramount however that the authors stick to the intended reporting as described in the ini-

tial proposal. The manuscript will be reviewed by the editorial team of the Journal. If the authors want to make changes to the initially suggested reporting, they should first contact the editorial team before submitting the manuscript.

Redo-Research

The submitted proposal should aim to reproduce a study with important results that has not been reproduced before. The manuscript has to contain a thorough discussion of the importance of the published study the authors want to reproduce and why this study warrants reproduction. Second, the manuscript should contain a detailed description of the protocol, reporting and statistical analysis (including power analysis based on the results of the original study if possible) that should mimic the original study. If the authors wish to deviate from the original study, this should be accompanied by a detailed argumentation. Experimental studies including animals/cells will not be accepted.

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The deadline for submission of both types of research is: June 1st 2019.

Incomplete submissions will be returned to the corresponding author. All proposals should be sent by email to the following address: JCritCare@gmail.com.

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