Preface

The year 2022 would see the journal CNS & Neurological Disorders – Drug Targets, publishing its 21st Volume, pursuing the aim of providing its readers with some thematic issues of considerable current interest the field of drug targets of CNS disorders along with high quality research and review articles. The journal has published a great number of exciting articles which have received high citations that have led to the significant increase in the impact factor of the journal.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought about many changes in the world of science, both positive and negative. Positive effects included faster approval of studies, more collaboration and data sharing, and the rapid expansion of open science. Negative effects were the delays in ongoing research, the cancellation of laboratory studies and fieldwork. The global pandemic has not yet ended and some countries are reporting more new coronavirus infections, presumably due to the emergence and diffusion of new SARS-CoV-2 variants have been discovered. However, compared to last year, current situation is much better due to vaccines and specific drugs.

As I mentioned last year, one of the major problem I had to face as Editor-in-Chief was the relatively long time needed for the peer review process, possibly accentuated by the pandemic. Now the situation is gradually improving but we still need to accelerate this process through the help of new members of the Editorial Board and new referees dealing with the many submissions of manuscripts and submitting their comments without delay.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all contributing authors and all members of the Editorial Board including Regional Editors and Section Editors, for their continuous support. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the editorial team of Bentham Science Publishers for their dedication to handle the peer review process and to the new group of Bentham Author Services Support who perform initial scrutiny of all submitted manuscripts and assist authors in compilation of their manuscripts. Their efforts are vital to the success of the journal.

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