Preface

While 2021 was a long year of endurance and wait for COVID-19 to pass by, it did not happen as was anticipated; however, throughout the year, there have been signs of defeat. COVID-19-related mortality drastically reduced due to the rapid development and availability of vaccines. Despite the emergence of multiple variants, unified global efforts to halt the rapid spread proved to be significant. Kudos to everyone on this planet!

Despite the challenges faced by everyone, science has made a continued stride. Since 2006, the journal Current Stem Cell Research & Therapy has published quality frontier reviews, drug clinical trial studies, and guest-edited issues, including all aspects of basic research on stem cells and their uses in clinical therapy. Due to the high number of requests, the journal started accepting original research articles to publish new and innovative research findings during the past year; however, the number and quality of submissions have steadily increased over time. In 2021, eight issues were published on time, including four thematic issues totaling 86 selected articles. More importantly, the quality of articles published in the journal led to increased citations, as reflected by the recent jump in the Impact Factor from 2.614 to 3.828 in 2021. This would not have been possible without the support and contributions of our authors, reviewers, publisher, editorial board members, and readers. I would like to express my sincere gratitude for their continued support.

During the past year, the journal has added a diverse group of experts on its editorial board and reviewers. We will continue to make every effort to promote and engage leaders in the field to support and contribute to our journal. I thank the journal’s editorial and publication teams for their dedication to processing each submission on time; the group includes Mahmood Alam (Editorial Director), Ambreen Irshad (Senior Editor), Ayesha Hussain (Assistant Manager Publications), and Daniyal Ishtiaq (Composer). As we shift into a New Year, I look forward to having another fruitful year to fulfill the journal’s mission, providing up-to-date information on stem cell research to our readership.

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