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Program

All plenary sessions will be held in the Bayshore Grand Ballroom A-C. Poster sessions will be held in the Bayshore Grand Ballroom D-F. Breaks and Exhibits will be held in the Bayshore Grand Ballroom Foyer. Luncheons will be held in Stanley Park and Cypress Rooms.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Registration, Coffee/Tea, and Exhibits

8:30 AM

Welcome and Introductions

Drummond Rennie (UNITED STATES)

8:40 AM – 9:10 AM

Jumping Without Parachutes: Numbers, Knowledge and Biomedical Journals

Steven Goodman (UNITED STATES)

9:10 AM – 10:30 AM

Authorship and Contributorship

Moderator: Drummond Rennie (UNITED STATES)

Influence of Authorship Order and Corresponding Author on Perceptions of Authors' Contributions

Mohit Bhandari, Jason Busse, Abhaya Kulkarni, P. J. Devereaux, Leece Pamela, Sohail Bajammal, Gordon Guyatt (CANADA)

Ghost Writers and Honorary Authorship: A Survey From the *Chinese Medical Journal*

Xiu-yuan HAO, Shou-chu QIAN, Su-ning YOU, Mou-yue WANG (CHINA)

Prevalence of Honorary and Ghost Authorship in 6 General Medical Journals, 2009

Joseph Wislar, Annette Flanagan, Phil Fontanarosa, Catherine D. DeAngelis (UNITED STATES)

Ghost Writing: How Some Journals Aided and Abetted the Marketing of a Drug

Lisa Bero, Jenny White (UNITED STATES)

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Refreshment Break and Visit Exhibits

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Peer Review

Moderator: James Scott (UNITED STATES)

The Natural History of Peer Reviewers:

The Decay of Quality

Michael Callaham (UNITED STATES)

Does a Mentoring Program for New Peer Reviewers Improve Their Review Quality? A Randomized Controlled Trial

Debra Houry, Michael Callaham, Steven Green (UNITED STATES)

Surveys of Current Status in Biomedical Science Grant Review: Funding Organizations and Grant Reviewers' Perspective

Sara Schroter, Trish Groves, Liselotte Højgaard (UNITED KINGDOM, DENMARK)

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Lunch and Visit Exhibits

1:30 PM – 3:10 PM

Data Sharing and Conflicts of Interest

Moderator: Martin Van Der Weyden (AUSTRALIA)

Reproducible Research: Biomedical Researchers' Willingness to Share Information to Enable Others to Reproduce Their Results

Christine Laine, Michael Berkwits, Cynthia Mulrow, Mary Beth Schaeffer, Michael Griswold, Steven Goodman (UNITED STATES)

Investigator Experiences With Financial Conflicts of Interest in Clinical Trials

Paula A. Rochon, Melanie Sekeres, John Hoey, Joel Lexchin, Lorraine E. Ferris, David Moher, Wei Wu, Sunila R. Kalkar, Marleen Van Laethem, Andrea Gruneir, Jennifer Gold, M. James Maskalyk, David L. Streiner, An-Wen Chan (CANADA)

Acknowledgment of Company Support in Research Publications From Investigator-Sponsored Studies

John Ellison, Rosarito Jahn, Kirsten Kempe (UNITED STATES)

Commercial Relationships, Funding, and Full Publication of Randomized Controlled Trials Initially Reported in Conference Abstracts

Isabel Rodriguez-Barraquer, Bonnielin Swenor, Roberta Scherer, Kay Dickersin (UNITED STATES)

Perceptions and Integration of Conflict of Interest Disclosures Among Peer Reviewers

Suzanne Lippert, Michael Callaham, Bernard Lo (UNITED STATES)

3:10 PM – 3:45 PM

Refreshment Break and Visit Exhibits

3:45 PM – 5:25 PM

Editorial Training, Decisions, Policies, and Ethics

Moderator: Edward W. Campion (UNITED STATES)

Background, Training, and Familiarity With Ethical Standards of Editors of Major Medical Journals

Victoria Wong, Michael Callaham (UNITED STATES)

A Qualitative Study of Editorial Decisions About Publication of Randomized Trials at Major Biomedical Journals

Kirby Lee, Elizabeth Boyd, Lisa Bero (UNITED STATES)

Editorial Policies of Pediatric Journals: A Survey of Instructions for Authors

Joerg Meerpohl, Robert Wolff, Charlotte Niemeyer, Gerd Antes, Erik von Elm (GERMANY, UNITED KINGDOM, SWITZERLAND)

Was *JAMA*'s Requirement for Independent Statistical Analysis Associated With a Change in the Number of Industry-Funded Studies It Published?

Elizabeth Wager, Rahul Mhaskar, Stephanie Warburton, Benjamin Djulbegovic (UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES)

What Ethical Issues Do Journal Editors Bring to COPE?

Elizabeth Wager, Sabine Kleinert (UNITED KINGDOM)

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Welcome Reception

Please join us for light hors d'oeuvres and drinks in the Bayshore Foyer.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Registration, Coffee/Tea, and Exhibits

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Comparative Effectiveness Research

Harold C. Sox Jr (UNITED STATES)

9:00 AM – 10:20 AM

Publication Pathways

Moderator: Annette Flanagan (UNITED STATES)

Predictors of Time to Publication of Manuscripts Rejected by Major Biomedical Journals

Kirby Lee, Nicholas Lehman, l'Alla Brodie, Lisa Bero (UNITED STATES)

Publication of Research Reports After Rejection by the *New England Journal of Medicine* in 2 Time Periods

Michael Bretthauer, Pam Miller, Edward W. Campion, Jeff Drazen (UNITED STATES)

An Evaluation of Time-to-Publication for Randomized Trials Submitted to the *BMJ*

Sara Schroter, Douglas G. Altman, John P. A. Ioannidis (UNITED KINGDOM, GREECE)

Complexity of Peer Review Evaluations: Twelve-Year Prospective Study on Submitted Papers to a Specialized Journal

Francine Kauffmann, Klaus Rabe, Béatrice Faraldo, Hélène Tharrault, Jean Maccario, Alan Leff (FRANCE, THE NETHERLANDS, UNITED STATES)

10:20 AM – 11:00 AM

Refreshment Break and Visit Exhibits

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Publication Bias

Moderator: Lisa Bero (UNITED STATES)

Testing for the Presence of Positive-Outcome Bias in Peer Review: A Randomized Controlled Trial

Gwendolyn B. Emerson, Richard A. Brand, James D. Heckman, Winston J. Warne, Fredric M. Wolf, Seth S. Leopold (UNITED STATES)

Composite Outcomes Can Be Misleading

Gloria Cordoba, Lisa Schwartz, Steven Woloshin, Harold Bae, Peter Gøtzsche (DENMARK, UNITED STATES)

Reporting Biases and Publication Strategy for Off-Label Indications: A Potent Mix

S. Swaroop Vedula, Ilyas Rona, Palko Goldman, Thomas Greene, Kay Dickersin (UNITED STATES)

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Lunch and Visit Exhibits

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Rhetoric

Moderator: Richard Horton (UNITED KINGDOM)

“Spin” in Reports of Randomized Controlled Trials With Nonstatistically Significant Primary Outcomes

Isabelle Boutron, Susan Dutton, Philippe Ravaud, Douglas G. Altman (UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE)

Rhetoric Used in Reporting Research Results

Lisa Bero, Yolanda Cheng (UNITED STATES)

A Propaganda Index for Screening Manuscripts

Eileen Gambrill (UNITED STATES)

2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Poster Sessions and Refreshments and Visit Exhibits
(See poster session listing on page 5 for details.)

3:45 PM – 5:05 PM

Trial Registration

Moderator: Catherine D. DeAngelis (UNITED STATES)

Frequency and Nature of Changes in Primary Outcome Measures

Deborah A. Zarin, Tony Tse, Rebecca J. Williams
(UNITED STATES)

Trial Registration Can Be a Useful Source of Information for Quality Assessment: A Study of Trials Records Retrieved From the WHO Search Portal

Ludovic Reveiz, An-Wen Chan, Karmela Krleža-Jerić, Carlos Granados, Pinart Mariona, Itziar Etxeandia, Diego Rada, Monserrat Martinez, Andres Cardona
(COLOMBIA, UNITED STATES, CANADA, SPAIN)

Registration Completeness and Changes of Registered Data in ClinicalTrials.gov for Clinical Trials Published in ICMJE Journals After September 2005 Deadline for Mandatory Trial Registration

Ana Marušić, Mirjana Huic, Matko Marušić (CROATIA)

Is Protocol Information Recorded in ClinicalTrials.gov Useful for Systematic Reviewers Relying on Conference Abstracts?

Roberta Scherer, Ann-Margret Ervin, JaKeisha Taylor, Kay Dickersin (UNITED STATES)

World Association of Medical Editors Meeting

Friday, September, 11, 2009

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

The officers of the World Association of Medical Editors (WAME) invite all WAME members, as well as other Peer Review Congress registrants, to the WAME meeting. The meeting will include WAME business, a small-journals research report, discussion of the WAME training program currently under development, and discussion of ethics cases led by the WAME Publication Ethics Committee. WAME is a voluntary association of more than 1500 editors from 92 countries who seek to foster cooperation among editors of peer-reviewed medical journals worldwide and to provide resources and guidelines to help editors raise the standards of scientific publication. For more information about WAME, visit www.wame.org.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Registration, Coffee/Tea, and Exhibits

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Peer Review Congresses, 1986 to 2009:
Victory? Defeat? Both?

Drummond Rennie (UNITED STATES)

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Quality of Reporting I

Moderator: David Moher (CANADA)

Quality of Survey Reporting in High-Impact-Factor Journals

Carol Bennett, Sara Khangura, Jamie Brehaut, Ian Graham, David Moher, Beth Potter, Jeremy Grimshaw
(CANADA)

Citation of Prior Research in Reports of Clinical Trials

Karen Robinson, Steven Goodman (UNITED STATES)

Utility of Editorials and Commentaries That Accompany Publication of Research Studies

Diane Civic (UNITED STATES)

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Poster Sessions and Refreshments and Visit Exhibits
(See poster session listing on page 5 for details.)

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Quality of Reporting II

Moderator: Douglas G. Altman (UNITED KINGDOM)

Acknowledging Limitations in Biomedical Studies: The ALIBI study

Milo Puhan, Nadine Heller, Irena Joleska, Lara Siebeling, Patrick Muggensturm, Martin Umbehr, Steven Goodman, Gerben ter Riet (UNITED STATES, SWITZERLAND, THE NETHERLANDS)

Reporting of Eligibility Criteria of Randomized Trials: Comparison Between Trial Protocols and Journal Articles

Anette Blümle, Erik von Elm, Joerg Meerpohl
(GERMANY, SWITZERLAND)

Reporting of Continuous Outcome Measures in Randomized Clinical Trials: Is the Whole Story Being Told?

David Schriger, Dan Savage, Douglas G. Altman
(UNITED STATES, UNITED KINGDOM)

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Lunch and Visit Exhibits

1:30 PM – 2:50 PM

Quality of Reporting III

Moderator: Paul Hebert (CANADA)

CONSORT for Improving the Quality of Reports of Randomized Trials: A Longitudinal Study of PubMed-Indexed Articles

Sally Hopewell, Susan Dutton, Ly-mee Yu, An-Wen Chan, Douglas G. Altman (UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA)

CONSORT Guidelines for Reporting Abstracts of Randomized Trials: A Survey of Its Impact on High-Impact Journals

Sally Hopewell, Isabelle Boutron, Mike Clarke (UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE)

Reporting Clinical Trial Subgroup Analyses: A Proposal for Rigorously Assessing Heterogeneity in Treatments Effects

David Kent, Peter Rothwell, John P. A. Ioannidis, Douglas G. Altman, Rodney Hayward (UNITED STATES, UNITED KINGDOM, GREECE)

Reporting Guidelines for Clinical Research: A Systematic Review

David Moher (CANADA)

2:50 PM – 3:20 PM

Refreshment Break

3:20 PM – 5:00 PM

Postpublication Citations, Indexing, Responses, and Online Publishing

Moderator: Fiona Godlee (UNITED KINGDOM)

Impact Factors of Secondary Journals

Cynthia Lokker, R. Brian Haynes, K. Ann McKibbin, Nancy Wilczynski (CANADA)

Does Journal Indexation Depend on the Origin of Publication? A Retrospective Cohort Study of Anesthesia Journals Indexed in MEDLINE and EMBASE

Martin Tramèr, Nadia Elia, Jean-Daniel Junod, Teresa Dib, Christian Mazza (SWITZERLAND)

Authors' Reply to Substantive Criticism Raised in Online Letters to the Editor

Peter Gøtzsche, Tony Delamothe, Fiona Godlee, Andreas Lundh (DENMARK, UNITED KINGDOM)

Reader Response to an Online Clinical-Decision Feature With Polls and Commenting

Patricia Kritek, Edward W. Champion, Pam Miller (UNITED STATES)

Use of the Internet by Print Medical Journals in 2003-2009: A Longitudinal Observational Study

David Schriger, Rashida Merchant, Ariana Chehrazi, Douglas G. Altman (UNITED STATES, UNITED KINGDOM)

5:00 PM

Summary and Adjournment

Drummond Rennie (UNITED STATES)

Abstracts to Be Presented as Posters

Posters will be presented during 2 sessions on Friday and Saturday, September 11 and 12.

Advertising

A Survey on Publication Standards of Medical Drug and Device Advertisements Published in Core Medical Journals in China

Youping LI, Liang DU, Yao-long CHEN, Min CHEN (CHINA)

Papers Supporting Advertisements in Medical Journals:

A Continuation of the Case-Control Study

Vasily Vlassov (RUSSIA)

Authorship and Contributorship

Factors Associated With Multiple Authorship in Peer-Reviewed Papers Regarding Pregnancy Over 3 Decades

Brian Mercer, Catherine Spong, James Scott (UNITED STATES)

Bias

The Value of Lesser-Impact-Factor Surgical Journals as a Source of Negative and Inconclusive Outcomes Reporting

Ziad Kanaan, Susan Galandiuk, Margaret Abby, Katherine Shannon, Daoud Dajani, Hiram C. Polk (UNITED STATES)

Differences in Editorial Board Reviewer Behavior Based on Gender

Deborah Wing, Rebecca Benner, Rita Petersen, James Scott (UNITED STATES)

Eligibility Criteria of Randomized Controlled Trials of Acutely Ill and Hospitalized Patients With Acute Lung Injury or Sepsis

Chris Lazongas, Andrew Toren, Ruxandra Pinto, Niall Ferguson, Robert Fowler (CANADA)

Multiple Publication of Positive vs Negative Trial Results in Review Articles: Influence on Apparent Weight of the Evidence

Erick Turner (UNITED STATES)

Reasons for Not Publishing Studies: A Meta-analysis of Data From Empirical Studies

Fujian Song, Caroline Hing, Sheetal Parekh, Lee Hooper, Yoon Loke, Jon Ryder, Alex Sutton, Ian Harvey (UNITED KINGDOM)

Citation Analysis

Bibliometric Analysis of Latin American Presence in Pediatric Publications: Geographical Distribution and Countries' Impact Factor

Paula Otero, Norma Rossato, Pablo Duran, Fernando Ferrero, Hebe Gonzalez Pena, Susana Rodriguez, Jose Ceriani Cernadas (ARGENTINA)

Demographics and Intellectual Market Share of Medical Journals

Victoria Wong, Michael Callahan (UNITED STATES)

Conflicts of Interest

Sponsorship of Medical Textbooks by Drug or Device Companies

Andreas Lundh, Peter Gøtzsche (DENMARK)

Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Policies in Psychiatry and Medicine: A Comparative Study of Peer-Reviewed Journals

Gauri Khurana, Schuyler Henderson, Garry Walters, Andres Martin (UNITED STATES, AUSTRALIA)

The Impact of Disclosing Financial Ties in Research and Care: A Systematic Review

Adam Licurse, Emma Barber, Steven Joffe, Cary Gross (UNITED STATES)

Screening Investigator Financial Conflict of Interest: A Checklist for Authors, Editors, and Readers

David Moher, Paula Rochon, John Hoey, An-Wen Chan, Lorraine Ferris, Joel Lexchin, Marleen Van Laethem, Sunila Kalkar, Melanie Sekeres, Wei Wu, Andrea Gruneir (CANADA, UNITED STATES)

Data Sharing

Medical Journal Editor Perspectives on Sharing Results Data From Patient-Oriented Research: A WAME Survey

Karmela Krleža-Jerić, Ida Sim, Ana Marušić, Ludovic Reveiz, Carlos Granados (CANADA, UNITED STATES, CROATIA, COLOMBIA)

Editorial Decision Process

Consistency of Decision Making by Editors: The Relation Between Reviewers' and Editors' Ratings and Future (10 Years) Citation

Tobias Opthof, Ruben Coronel (THE NETHERLANDS)

Evaluation of Editor's Judgment on Quality of Articles

Heidi Logothetti, Sheryl Martin, Rebecca Benner, James Scott, John Queenan, Catherine Spong (UNITED STATES)

Subjectivity and the Science of Peer Review:

What Qualitative Research Can Tell Us About Editorial Processes at Major Medical Journals

Wendy Lipworth (AUSTRALIA)

Ethical Concerns

Informed Consent in Clinical Studies Published in the

Chinese Medical Journal: Comparison of 2001-2004 and 2005-2008

Mouyue WANG (CHINA)

Ethical Concerns of Nursing Journal Reviewers:

An International Survey

Marion Broome, Molly Dougherty, Margaret Freda, Margaret Kearney, Judith Baggs (UNITED STATES)

Must Research Using Publicly Available Anonymous Databases Undergo IRB Review? Views From Journals and IRBs

Ingrid Nygaard, Sheryl Martin (UNITED STATES)

Ethics Committee Review Requirements for Published Abstracts of Human Research Presented at Major Medical Association Meetings

Robert Dellavalle, Rachel Simmons (UNITED STATES)

Funding/Grant Peer Review

Quality Assurance of Grant Applications: Confirmation of Publication Records

Liza Chan, Kathryn Graham, Pam Valentine, Jacques Magnan (CANADA)

Instructions for Authors

Completeness of Journal Instructions for Authors

Jane C. Wiggs (UNITED STATES)

High-Impact-Factor Journals Offer Limited Guidance to Authors Reporting Survey Research

Sara Khangura, Carol Bennett, Jamie Brehaut, Jeremy Grimshaw, David Moher, Beth Potter (CANADA)

Open Access

Impact of Free Access of Articles on Content and Impact Factor of an Indian Biomedical Journal

Anju Sharma, Satyanarayana Kanikaram (INDIA)

Peer Review

ET Study: Enhancing Transparency of Biomedical Journals

Erik Cobo, Agustí Urrutia, Albert Selva-O'Callaghan, Francesc Cardellach, Josep Maria Ribera, Jordi Cortés, Francesc Miras, Celestino Rey-Joly, Miquel Vilardell-Tarres (SPAIN)

Diversity and Quality of Reviews for a Generalist Medical Journal

William Phillips, Robin Gotler, Laura McLellan, Stephen Zyzanski (UNITED STATES)

Implementation of a Medical Journal Peer Reviewer Stratification System Based on Quality and Reliability

Steven Green, Michael Callahan (UNITED STATES)

Assessment of Reviewers Recommended by Authors vs Editors: Is There Bias?

Monica Helton, William Balistreri (UNITED STATES)

Peer Review in Journals Published by Oxford Journals

Huw Price (UNITED KINGDOM)

Quality of Peer Reviews in 3 Nursing Journals From the Perspective of Authors and Editors

Sandra Thomas, Mona Shattell, Peggy Chinn, W. Cowling (UNITED STATES)

Nursing Journal Peer Reviewers' Views on Quality Indicators in Publishing

Molly Dougherty, Margaret Freda, Margaret Kearney, Judith Baggs, Marion Broome (UNITED STATES)

Peer Review in Small vs Non-Small Biomedical Journals

Farrokh Habibzadeh, Rob Siebers (IRAN, NEW ZEALAND)

Effects of Training Reviewers on Quality of Peer Review: A Retrospective Survey

Ying YANG (CHINA)

Peer Reviewers' Recommendations at the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 2004-2008: Style or Substance?

Richard Kravitz, Peter Franks, Martha Gerrity, Mitchell Feldman, Cindy Byrne, William Tierney (UNITED STATES)

Trends in Using Insecure e-Mail Services in Communication With Journal Editors

Krešimir Šolić, Vesna Ilakovac, Ana Marušić, Matko Marušić (CROATIA)

Postpublication Perceptions and Influence

Canadian Physicians' Perceptions About Biomedical Journals

Erica Frank, Carolina Segura, Ariella Zabar (CANADA)

The Influence of the Impact Factor on Discussions Between Doctors and Their Patients: The Case of Rosiglitazone

Jim NUOVO (UNITED STATES)

Publishing Models

Transformation of the *American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology* From a Traditional Format to a "New Format"

Thomas Garite (UNITED STATES)

A New Journal Mode: Public Peer Review, Open Access on Web 2.0

Xibin SHEN (CHINA)

Publication Pathway

What Happens to Rejected Manuscripts?

Kenneth Noller, Sheryl Martin, James Scott (UNITED STATES)

Submission and Peer Review Frequencies Before Acceptance: An Analysis of Submissions by an Academic Medical Center

Colleen Sauber, LeAnn Stee, Sarah Jenkins, Margery Lovejoy (UNITED STATES)

Quality of the Literature

Evolution of Thoracic Surgical Literature

Maurice Blitz, Andrew Graham, Sean McFadden, Sean Grondin, Gary Gelfand (UNITED STATES, CANADA)

Pharmacovigilance and “Local” Literature: The Italian Bibliography

Claudio Oliveri, Daniela Ranzani (ITALY)

Quality of Online Information

Multilayer Quality Control for Publications and Online Lectures

Faina Linkov, Gilbert Omenn, Ismail Serageldin, Vinton Cerf, Ronald LaPorte (UNITED STATES, EGYPT)

Citations to Web Sites in Scientific Papers: The Permanence of Native and Archived References

Andrea Thorp, David Schriger (UNITED STATES)

Understanding Why the US National Library of Medicine Fails to Properly Index the Publication Type of a Meaningful Number of Randomized Controlled Trials

Susan Wieland, Kay Dickersin (UNITED STATES)

Quality of Reporting

Quality Review of Clinical Guidelines

Anne Hilde Rosvik, Trond Bjornerud, Espen Movik, Magne Nylenna (NORWAY)

Development of Clinical Guidelines in Norway: Do Patients Participate?

Anne Hilde Rosvik, Trond Bjornerud, Espen Movik, Magne Nylenna (NORWAY)

Variability of Standards for Reporting Tumor-Graft Data in Preclinical Cancer Therapeutic Studies

Nilofer Azad, Adam Pascoe, Elizabeth Sugar, Scott Kern (UNITED STATES)

Challenges in Peer Reviewing Evidence-Based Clinical Practice Guidelines: Do We Know the Degree to Which the Guidelines Reflect Underlying Evidence?

Tianjing Li, Roberta Scherer, Elizabeth Ssemenda, Ann-Margret Ervin, Kay Dickersin (UNITED STATES)

Reporting Guidelines for Surveys: Limited Guidance and Little Adherence

Carol Bennett, Sara Khangura, Jamie Brehaut, Jeremy Grimshaw, David Moher, Beth Potter (CANADA)

Publication of Methods in Focus Group Research: Are There Quality Standards for Qualitative Research?

Chima Ndumele, Genna Ableman, Beverly Russell, Edith Gurrola, LeRoi Hicks (UNITED STATES)

Citing the CONSORT Statement and Explanation and Elaboration Paper: What’s It All About?

David Moher, Mary Ocampo, Kenneth Schulz, Sally Hopewell, Douglas G. Altman (CANADA, UNITED STATES, UNITED KINGDOM)

Inconsistent and Incompletely Reported Outcomes in Randomized Trials of Kidney Transplantation

Angela Webster, Lorenn Ruster, Alistair Merrifield, Gail Higgins, Daniel Owers, Jonathan Craig (AUSTRALIA)

The SPIRIT Initiative: Defining Standard Protocol Items for Randomized Trials

An-Wen Chan, Jennifer Tetzlaff, Douglas G. Altman, Peter Götzsche, Asbjørn Hróbjartsson, Karmela Krleža-Jerić, Andreas Laupacis, David Moher (UNITED STATES, CANADA, UNITED KINGDOM, DENMARK)

Assessment of Randomized Controlled Trials Published in the *Chinese Medical Journal* From 2007 to 2008

Jing SUN, Kun HAN, Shou-chu QIAN, Su-ning YOU (CHINA)

Application of Item Response Theory to Manuscript Rating Scales

Brian Budgell, Takeo Nakayama (CANADA, JAPAN)

The Null Hypothesis Significance Test in Health Sciences Research (1995-2006): Statistical Analysis and Interpretation

Luis Silva, Patricio Suarez, Ana Fernandez, Vanesa Alvarez, Tania Iglesias (CUBA, SPAIN)

Retractions

Why and How Do Journals Retract Articles?

Elizabeth Wager, Peter Williams (UNITED KINGDOM)

Round Up the Usual Suspects? Involvement of Medical Writers and the Pharmaceutical Industry in Retracted Publications

Karen Woolley, Mark Woolley, Rebecca Lew, Narelle Bramich, Julie Ely, Serina Stretton, Julie Monk, Janelle Keys (AUSTRALIA)

Training

A Survey of Past Participants in the *Annals of Emergency Medicine* Editorial Board Fellowship Program

Teri Reynolds, Michael Callahan (UNITED STATES)

Trial Registration

Association of Trial Registration With the Results and Conclusions of Published Trials of New Oncology Drugs

Nicolas Rasmussen, Kirby Lee, Lisa Bero (UNITED STATES)

Characterizing Sponsor-Imposed Restrictions on Disclosing Results of Clinical Trials

Tony Tse, Deborah Zarin (UNITED STATES)

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