

## From the Desk of Associate Editor

### The science of the short study

Given the current intense research environment, competition for publishing space is high. The publication of research articles in an impact factor or indexed journal is considered as the most effectual methods of disseminating research. In this agreement, the publication process requires close peer review and many papers could be rejected at some point.<sup>1</sup>

As per the dictionary, short means having little length. So, does it mean not long?

No, not really

Then, how the short study should be designed?

Short study should not be based on the time duration since it reduces the science involved in the study.

The power of the study should range, not less than 80% and more 90%, which makes short study appropriately even to publish in the Scopus, Web of science and Pubmed indexed journals.

How the short study differs from a pilot study?

A pilot study may be used to assess the randomization, assessment procedures, retention feasibility of recruitment, implementation of the new intervention and new methods and in a larger study. The pilot study can be conducted in the observational and experimental studies.

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