

## Study design, methodology and reporting in the field of dental traumatology

### EDITORIAL

Some manuscripts submitted to our journal *Dental Traumatology* have unfortunately significant flaws in design, methodology and reporting, which result in several time-consuming revisions and rejections. Moreover, the scientific basis for dental traumatology has to a large extent been derived from *in vivo* studies where clinical situations like fractures, luxations and avulsions with subsequent replantation have been simulated, and manuscripts are rejected for the same reasons. This is very unfortunate, not the least for ethical reasons. Knowing the amount of work and other resources put into a project, it is always very unfortunate to delay or deny a publication, which for obvious reasons create a

lot of frustration for the authors. Over the years, a vast amount of experience has been collected in the editorial board in reviewing studies for the journal, which is the background for the two articles in this issue on design of epidemiological, clinical and experimental studies in the field of dental traumatology. And in the next issue, we will follow up with an article on scientific writing in our research field. It is our hope that this will be of help for you.

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