

## JRCD in the European Heart Journal

### Dear Readers,

We present to you the fourth and final issue of *Journal of Rare Cardiovascular Diseases (JRCD)* for 2017.

In this issue, readers will find an original article entitled ‘Right ventricular free wall motion abnormalities as a simple method of assessment in patients with pulmonary hypertension (RCD code: II-1A.O)’, in which Sawicka et al. describe impaired gas exchange parameters in patients with hypokinesia of the right ventricular free wall. Importantly, right heart catheterization revealed haemodynamic abnormalities in these patients.

An elegant and up-to-date editorial, written by L. Tomkiewicz-Pająk, MD, PhD, provides readers with a current approach to common problems encountered in rare congenital heart diseases. It highlights the heterogeneity of the population of adults with congenital heart disease and the need for an interdisciplinary approach in the management of these patients.

Brugada syndrome (BrS) has been described in previous issues of *JRCD*. These consisted of case reports, editorial and a review article describing current diagnostic methods, epidemiology, genetic data and novel mechanisms involved in BrS. Here, readers can find another interesting review article authored by Matusik et al., which provides new concepts and algorithms in BrS management. This paper also describes the utility of cardiac imaging and risk assessment in BrS as well as treatment options available for BrS patients.

Moreover, this issue features several interesting case reports. The first was written by an international group (Polish and Brazilian) entitled ‘Concussion of an athlete’s heart – a case report of blunt chest trauma-associated loss of consciousness in a professional soccer player (RCD code: VIII)’. Detailed differential diagnosis, patient management, and review of the literature are provided. The second case comes from Texas, USA. In this interesting case report entitled ‘Doxorubicin Cardiomyopathy - case report and review of histopathologic findings (RCD code: III 1B.5a)’, Tariq and Zahra present their findings from an autopsy of a 29-year-old male with a history of T-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) who was treated with hyperfractionated

cyclophosphamide, vincristine, doxorubicin, and dexamethasone.

Dziewięcka et al. describe a male patient with non-obstructive apical hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and provide a detailed description of the management of this patient, including risk stratification using the HCM Risk-SCD Calculator. The final case report featured in this issue was written by Kwiecień et al., which describes a 56-year-old female patient after breast cancer treatment. She was diagnosed with a left atrial myxoma which led to cerebral and cerebellar strokes.

Additionally, it is with great pleasure that I announce that *JRCD* has been accepted for inclusion into the Scopus database. This important achievement emphasizes the fact that our continual improvements bring us closer to being assigned an Impact Factor and increases the visibility of the research that we publish. International recognition of *JRCD* also increased after publication of the article entitled ‘Rare cardiovascular diseases’ in *European Heart Journal* [Podolec P. Rare cardiovascular diseases. *Eur Heart J.* 2017; 38(43): 3190-3192. doi: 10.1093/eurheartj/ehx611]. Notably, *JRCD* is continuously indexed in Polish Scholarly Bibliography and in the Index Copernicus Journals Master List database.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome new *JRCD* editors. Dr. Franciszek Hennel from the University of Zurich, Switzerland, is a researcher in the field of bioimaging, while PD Dr. Robert Manka from the University of Zurich, Switzerland, is interested in innovations and new techniques in magnetic resonance imaging. Both became editors of the recently introduced Basic Science Section of *JRCD*. Piotr Kukla, MD, PhD from the Department of Cardiology, H. Klimontowicz Specialistic Hospital (Gorlice, Poland), is a well-known Polish expert in the field of inherited cardiac arrhythmias. He was recently named as an editor of the Cardiac Arrhythmogenic Disorders Section in our journal. Paweł T. Matusik, MD, PhD is a friendly and accomplished physician-scientist from the Jagiellonian University Medical College. He joins

our team as Managing Editor. Due to his impressive contributions to the field of Electrocardiology, he was also invited to join the team of editors of the Cardiac Arrhythmogenic Disorders Section. Kevin Luc, MD, MSc, is a native English speaker currently practicing in Kraków, Poland. He joins the *JRCD* team as our new Language Editor. Besides having valuable clinical experience, he has edited numerous medical articles which have been published in journals such as *Antioxidants*

& *Redox Signaling, Vascular Pharmacology, Allergy, Asthma & Clinical Immunology, Lupus, and PLOS One.*

I hope that readers of this issue of *JRCD* will find it interesting and informative.

Finally, as the New Year approaches, I would like to offer greetings from myself and the whole editorial team here at *JRCD*. As always, we look forward to accepting new articles from our readers for upcoming issues. Best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2018.

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