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## Dear Readers,

We present to you the first issue of *Journal of Rare Cardiovascular Diseases* (*JRCD*) for 2018.

Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) has been described in previous issues of *JRCD*. In this issue, readers will find an original article and review paper on further aspects of PAH. An original article entitled "Effect of first-month specific therapy determines long-term clinical outcome in patients with pulmonary arterial hypertension (RCD code: II-1A.4.o)", written by Nowak et al., describes the impact of PAH-specific treatment in PAH patients with congenital and non-congenital heart disease. In their review paper, Mularek-Kubzdela and Iwańczyk elaborate on the management of PAH in specific medical conditions such as surgical procedures, infections, and pregnancy. They highlight the need for PAH severity assessment, treatment optimization, and prevention of high-risk conditions.

An interesting editorial, written by M. Komar, MD, PhD, provides readers with a comprehensive picture of recent advancements in the field of cardiac tumours and malignancies. It underlines the importance of differential diagnosis in patients with suspected cardiac tumours and familiarises readers with the classification of these disorders as well as informs readers about potential cardiotoxicity of anticancer drugs.

Moreover, this issue features several interesting case reports. The first, entitled "Pregnancy and congenital complete atrioventricular block: management during pregnancy and the periparturient period (RCD code: VII-V)", beyond being an informative case description, provides an extensive literature review and comparison of the management of patients with congenital complete atrioventricular block (AVB), complete AVB during pregnancy, and irreversible acquired complete AVB.

The second case comes from Parma, Italy. In this interesting case report entitled "Biventricular cardiomyopathy improvement by shifting therapy from agalsidase alfa to agalsidase beta in Anderson-Fabry Disease (RCD code: III-3B.2)", Serra and Pastorini present their experience in the treatment of a patient with biventricular cardiomyopathy and Anderson-Fabry disease.

Hussain and Basir from Karachi, Pakistan, describe a rare case of atypical mid-variant takotsubo cardiomyopathy during dobutamine stress echocardiography. Detailed differential diagnosis, patient management, and review of the literature are provided.

The final case report featured in this issue was written by Sultan et al., who described a 29-year-old female patient referred for cardiac magnetic resonance imaging. She was diagnosed with a right atrial myxoma which was associated with Budd-Chiari syndrome.

*JRCD* is indexed in the Scopus database, Index Copernicus Journals Master List database (Index Copernicus Value for JRCD is 96.86), Polish Scholarly Bibliography, Polish Medical Bibliography, and Ministry of Science and Higher Education. Moreover, it is with great pleasure that I announce that *JRCD* has been accepted for inclusion in the J-Gate database, which is an electronic gateway to global e-journal literature. It collects journals from all scientific disciplines.

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I hope that readers of this issue of *JRCD* will find it interesting and informative and that it will encourage other scientists and physicians to contribute to the field of rare diseases.

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