

Five years of Journal of Rare Cardiovascular Diseases

Dear Readers,

We present a special anniversary issue of *Journal of Rare Cardiovascular Diseases* (JRCD). In this issue, readers will find a recent review article authored by Matsubara et al. entitled 'Pulmonary artery pressure matters – how to efficiently improve survival in pulmonary arterial hypertension (RCD code: II-1A.1)'; in English and Polish. As a summary of the first five years of JRCD publication, we provide a list of authors, reviewers, and papers published according to the clinical classification of rare cardiovascular diseases and disorders (RCDD) in the Journal [1]. Moreover, in this issue we would like to announce the upcoming update of the clinical classification of RCDD and to provide recent data on RCDD treated in our Centre for Rare Cardiovascular Diseases. We supplement this special issue with information for authors and a call for papers.

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* [2]. Notably, JRCD is indexed in Polish Scholarly Bibliography and in the Index Copernicus Journals Master List database (Index Copernicus Value for JRCD is increased to 96.86).

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*.

JRCD publishes high-quality review articles, original (basic and clinical sciences) research papers, editorials, case reports, and articles on public health issues in the field of RCDD and orphan cardiovascular drugs.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to the following areas:

- (1) rare diseases of systemic circulation,
- (2) rare diseases of pulmonary circulation,
- (3) rare diseases of the heart (cardiomyopathies),
- (4) rare congenital cardiovascular diseases,
- (5) cardiac tumors and cardiovascular diseases in malignancy,
- (6) rare arrhythmogenic disorders,
- (7) cardiovascular diseases in pregnancy,
- (8) basic science.

JRCD follows the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) Recommendations for the Conduct, Reporting, Editing and Publication of Scholarly Work in Medical Journals. JRCD respects

publication ethics as set out by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE).

I would like to thank all readers and supporters of the Journal, authors (see page 11-12), reviewers (see page 13), members of the editorial team, editorial

board, and publisher, who help us in steadily improving the quality of published articles.

All interested in RCDD are cordially invited to cooperate with JRCD. As always, we look forward to accepting new articles from our readers for upcoming issues.

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- The Centre for Rare Cardiovascular Diseases in Kraków, Poland
- The clinical classification of rare cardiovascular diseases
- The Journal of Rare Cardiovascular Diseases

The paper was written in response to an invitation from Professor Thomas F. Lüscher, MD, FESC, Editor-in-Chief of the European Heart Journal and was published in the November 14, 2017 issue.

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We encourage all those who are interested to read the paper.