

# More on the 2018 update of “Clinical classification of rare cardiovascular diseases and disorders”

## Dear Readers,

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

In the current issue, after publication of the ‘Clinical Classification of Rare Cardiovascular Diseases and Disorders: 2018 Update’ [1], we present an excellent editorial written by Professor Andrzej Przybylski, who highlights challenges in the categorisation of different diseases.

In this issue, readers can also find a review paper on the spirituality/religiosity of man from the perspective of quality of life. A team of researchers from the Pedagogical University of Kraków presents a comprehensive review of Polish research in social studies. Researchers from the University Hospital in Kraków, in their single-centre study, compare platelet count reduction in patients with essential thrombocythaemia treated with hydroxyurea and thromboreductin.

Furthermore, this issue features several case reports. The first paper, from Lithuania, entitled “Left ventricular non-compaction – diagnostic challenges (RCD

code: III-5A.1.o)” emphasises the importance of additional cardiovascular imaging technologies, which in their case, led to a diagnosis of left ventricular non-compaction in a patient with asymptomatic left bundle branch block. The second case report, written by researchers from Iran, describes a 69-year-old female with left abdominal pain and vomiting who was finally diagnosed with non-ruptured splenic artery aneurysm. The next case report was written by a team from Pakistan, which describes the rare case of a 69-year-old male who suffered from takotsubo syndrome associated with dengue fever. The final case report featured in this issue concerns the safety of pulmonary vein isolation in patients treated with dabigatran. This paper also discusses selected concerns, indications, and contraindications for the use of non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulants in patients with atrial fibrillation.

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

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