

EDITORIAL

Like the birth of a new baby, the birth of a new journal is an occasion filled with hope, possibilities, and, of course, some anxieties. On this particular occasion, these emotions are mixed with a great sadness at the sudden passing of my brother Marc, a gifted writer, animator, artist, and teacher, as well as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother, and friend. It is to his memory that I should like to dedicate this inaugural issue of *JADR*.



Our first issue is truly global, both in terms of editorial staff, contributors, and potential readers. All are united by a love of medicine, a devotion to the patients they serve, and an eagerness to share their discoveries with colleagues all over the globe. The articles herein will appeal to readers from a wide variety of medical disciplines since autoimmune disorders and rheumatologic problems touch virtually every specialty in medicine.

Our article reports a rare, uninodular case of Marine-Lenhart syndrome –the simultaneous occurrence of Graves' disease [Basedow's disease] and toxic thyroid nodules. It explores the syndrome's pathogenesis, which include localized, patchy autoimmune Graves' disease and generalized Graves' disease in combination with acquired, localized, constitutively activating mutations of the TSH receptor gene. As such, this case report will interest endocrinologists, geneticists, radiologists, and nuclear medicine specialists.

Dr. ElSaid and colleagues, in a report that will appeal to endocrinologists, cardiologists, rheumatologists, orthopaedists, and nutritionists, discuss the prevalence and possible reasons behind the confluence of knee osteoarthritis and the metabolic syndrome among Egyptian patients. These reasons could include obesity, Vitamin D deficiency/insufficiency, increases in circulating inflammatory cytokines/ chemokines, and in reactive oxygen/nitrogen species.

The contribution of Drs. Oliveira and Costa will surely interest rheumatologists, physiatrists, sports medicine specialists, and mental health professionals alike as it explores the mind/body continuum in fibromyalgia.

Drs. Nugraha and Gutenbrunner further explore the mind/body continuum in fibromyalgia in their review with a focus on the sensitizing role of brain-derived neurotrophic factor BDNF and the role of exercise in increasing BDNF levels in certain portions of the brain, which may help explain why increased exercise often exacerbates fibromyalgia symptoms. Their review will

interest neuroscientists as well as rheumatologists, mental health professional, and sports medicine specialists.

In our final offering for this first issue, Dr. Soliman and colleagues present a patient with Ewing's sarcoma atypically masquerading as inflammatory arthritis of the hip with fever, leukocytosis, and an elevated sedimentation rate. This case should attract oncologists, rheumatologists, and infectious disease specialists.

We hope that this inaugural issue of JADR will be interesting and useful to health professionals from many disciplines and will inspire future contributions from our readers.

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