

Letter from the Editors

JRPMS is a new peer-reviewed open access journal created with the intention to provide a forum for clinicians working in the field of musculoskeletal diseases. As such, the journal welcomes contributions from orthopaedists, rheumatologists, radiologists, endocrinologists, paediatricians and physical therapy practitioners, while remaining open to all other medical practitioners for topics related to the interplay of muscles and bones and its multiple regulators. The journal also welcomes research articles from the fields of biology, anatomy and physiology, that promote our understanding and knowledge of the basic principles of bone development and bone growth and address the multiple physiologic and pathologic changes that occur in bones and muscles throughout life. Articles in the field of bone metabolic diseases are also within the scope and particular interest of the journal.

JRPMS especially encourages younger scientists or those clinicians in early career that wish to share interesting case-reports or findings from case-series or prospective

studies or even select to review topics of significant interest in the field. As such, the current issue of the journal includes a case report from Tseliou et al of a man with alkaptonuria misdiagnosed and treated for years as suffering from ankylosing spondylitis. Also in this issue, Milonas et al report the unusual case of a woman who suffered from bilateral transient osteoporosis of the knees during the last trimester of pregnancy and early postpartum period; Kountouri A. and Papadopoulou A. provide a concise mini-review of hypophosphatasia in adults, while Adamopoulos S. and Petrocheilou G. review the role of computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging in the diagnosis and management of Paget's disease. Finally, Theodorakidou et al review the deleterious effects of steroids and anabolic steroids on the cardiovascular system.

We would like to thank all the authors for selecting our journal and entrusting us with their original work, as well as the reviewers for their time and efforts. We remain dedicated to publishing research papers from scientists all over the world and wish to welcome more contributions in the near future.

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