Preface

The first issue of CRR in 2021 contains a mix of mini-reviews, full reviews, research articles and the results of a clinical trial study. We have also decided to publish a Letter to the Editor from S. Alesaeidi et al. that addresses the results of a previous report detailing a fatal outcome in a patient treated with rituximab. The patient had been diagnosed with ANCA-negative granulomatosis with polyangiitis, acute pancreatitis and a pancreatic mass.

The mini-review in this issue discusses the pulmonary manifestations described in patients with rheumatoid arthritis (RA), psoriatic arthritis and peripheral spondyloarthritis. Three full-reviews address the reasons for the hospitalization of patients with systemic lupus erythematosus and how proprioceptive training can enhance fatigability in seniors. A role for endostatin in RA is also covered.

There are eight full research articles that encompass several “hot” topics in rheumatology. These include the role of dietary antioxidants in RA, the quality of life in RA patients receiving total knee arthroplasty, the distinct features of spondyloarthritis between men and women in a Moroccan population, quantitative sensory training in patients with osteoarthritis of the knee, serum levels of DKK-1 and osteoprotegerin in a tightly controlled RA patient population, vertebral fragility studies in older persons, the role of berberine as a regulator of pro-inflammatory cytokines in RA mononuclear cells compared to healthy controls, as well as a study of the plasma atherogenic index in patients with RA and lupus.

The clinical trial article reports the effect of dietary education on altering cardiovascular risk factors in RA patients.

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