

From the Editor-in-Chief

The last 2018 issue of *Clinical Cases in Mineral and Bone Metabolism (CCMBM)* encompasses a collection of original reports among original articles, mini-reviews and case reports from Authors coming from different parts of the world. The great success of the Journal is making us proud for the results obtained in the past 15 years, as testified by the increasing number of requests for reprints and images from an international readership. *OrtoMed Society* and our Editor are eagerly waiting for the recognition of the Impact Factor of *CCMBM*, that we hope will reach us in the not too far future.

The first article by Stefano Lello et al. is describing the use of the trabecular bone score in the evaluation of the bone response to the treatment by tissue-selective estrogen complex, a new pharmacological compound, in postmenopausal women. Another original article by Silvina R. Mastaglia et al. presents an analysis of the bone mineral density (BMD) in different ethnic groups, with the conclusions for a more accurate assessment of the osteoporosis prevalence the measure of both lumbar spine and upper femur BMD is strongly recommended. Two additional original articles offer the experience by two different orthopedic centers on the reliability of external modular fixation the management of humeral shaft fracture (by Michele Bisaccia et al.) and on the surgery for acetabular nonunion (by Giuseppe Rollo et al.). Finally, Silvia Migliaccio et al. describe the results obtained in an Italian multicenter retrospective study on the osteoporosis induced by aromatase inhibitors.

A group of mini-reviews is offering a number of interesting topics for our readers. The pharmacological treatment of sarcopenia is reviewed by Giovanni Iolascon et al. with the inclusion of several studies aiming to increase muscle mass and strength via the use of several drugs from testosterone to myostatin inhibitors. Another important topic published in this issue of *CCMBM* by Nermin Yussif and Ahmed Reda is the evaluation of the clinical possibility of immediate implantation in aggressive periodontitis patients. One mini-review describes the spinal deformities present in neurofibromatosis type 1 and the potential recommended treatment (by Marios G. Lykissas et al.). The last mini-review by Lucio C. Rovati explores the relevance of glucosamine treatment in osteoarthritis.

An extraordinary collection of 12 clinical case reports closes this number of *CCMBM*, extraordinary by number and by content. The reports encompass themes like: bilateral atypical femoral fractures in hypopituitarism, refractory hypercalcemia after rhabdomyolysis, severe scoliosis in hypophosphatasia, use of teriparatide in cervical fracture consolidation, osteoporosis complicated by osteomyelitis, hungry bone syndrome, rare multifocal eosinophilic granuloma in maxilla and mandible, teriparatide treatment for an atypical femoral fracture, surgery of a rare case of metastatic paraganglioma, Mazabraud's syndrome, hypercalcemic parathyroid crisis, and platelet rich plasma therapy in a jaw bone defect.

As always *CCMBM* cares sole responsibility for all editorial content and peer review.

We hope this comprehensive and lively package will give you food for thought, and help you make up your own opinion on these important presented issues.

At *CCMBM* we are always trying to enhance your interest in the management of mineral and skeletal disorders. Do not hesitate to send any comments and suggestions about *CCMBM* to marialuisa.brandi@unifi.it. Visit www.gruppocic.it for complete information.



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