Preface

I'm very proud to present the first issue of Current Cardiology Reviews (CCR) for the 2020, especially because this is my first time to introduce an issue as the Editor in Chief.

In this issue, there are totally nine articles including seven reviews and two case reports.

Santoso and colleagues dealt with the potential role of Lipoprotein-associated phospholipase A2 produced by the inflammatory cell in an atherosclerotic plaque. In their review of the literature, they concluded that none of the phospholipase inhibitors demonstrated the ability to lower the risk of cardiovascular mortality, myocardial infarction, and stroke. Thus, this may indicate that more in-depth knowledge of these enzymes is needed.

Ushakov and colleagues provided an interesting paper dedicated to molecular and cellular mechanisms, underlying clinical manifestations and outcomes of acute myocardial infarction. Dourakis *et al.*, addressed an often neglected topic: the pathological alterations that occur in the cardiovascular system of cirrhotic patients.

A new pharmacological approach against hypertension is sacubitril, the first neprilysin inhibitor, which in conjunction with an angiotensin receptor blocker has provided a high efficacy and tolerability among patients with heart failure. Salazar *et al.* reviewed its potential role in the treatment of hypertension.

Mihăilă addressed the pathophysiology of the involvement of dyslipidemia in coronary artery disease, while Ahmed and colleagues provided guidance and clinical considerations to manage patients suffering from supine hypertension with orthostatic hypotension.

An overview of the management of heart failure with reduced ejection fraction has been provided by Egbuche *et al.*

Two case reports on aortopulmonary window presenting in adulthood and trans-catheter aortic valve replacement have been presented by Dev *et al.* and Al Emam *et al.* respectively.

I hope that all the selected manuscripts are useful for the reader and that they may gain insight into cardiology.

I also would like to thank authors for their efforts to contribute to Current Cardiology Reviews.

Finally, I wish all of you a fruitful new year.

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