Editorial

You are invited this month (October 22nd) to participate in the first in-person event held by our society (ESPAI) since the COVID-19 pandemic! It is about atopic dermatitis in infants and children. Also, the 17th International Congress of ESPAI will be held next month in the form of 5 webinars between 10th and 12th of November 2022. Information on the programs of both events is available on our website and Facebook page. ESPAI 2022 congress has invited several international and local eminent speakers together with expert moderators to ensure fruitful panel discussions. Please get updated on ESPAI activities from http://www.espai-eg.org/scientific.htm and from our society’s Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/TheESPAI.

This issue of the Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology contains a review article entitled the spectrum of urological disease in familial Mediterranean fever: amyloidosis and beyond. The different pathologies, workup, and therapeutic modalities of urinary tract affection in FMF are discussed in detail.

Four original articles were carefully selected after peer-reviewing by international and local experts in the field. A study of preschool wheeze among a retrospective cohort of Egyptian children is the subject of one of them. The authors described the demographic, clinical and investigational data of the subjects and came out with some fruitful results. Another article outlined the impact of COVID-19 on children with rheumatic diseases and concluded that poorly controlled cases of rheumatologic illness represent a risk group for severe COVID-19 and are likely candidates for morbidity/mortality. In the third article, the authors sought to investigate, in their pilot study, the KAT2B Expression on CD4+T lymphocytes in pediatric systemic lupus erythematous. Indeed, exploring the pathogenetic background of SLE will help design better intervention strategies. The last article presents the results of a work conducted on a group of atopic asthmatic children aiming to estimate the club (Clara) cell protein (CC16) expression. The authors concluded that both serum and urinary CC16 levels are elevated in the asthmatic children especially during disease expression and that measurement of CC16 in urine might represent a non-invasive option that can replace blood sampling.

An English/Arabic glossary that contains a list of allergy and immunology relevant terms and expressions is included as well as a collection of abstracts of some recent international publications in allergy/immunology. Do not forget to take a glance on the list of upcoming International Allergy/Immunology events in our journal’s calendar.

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The Editors