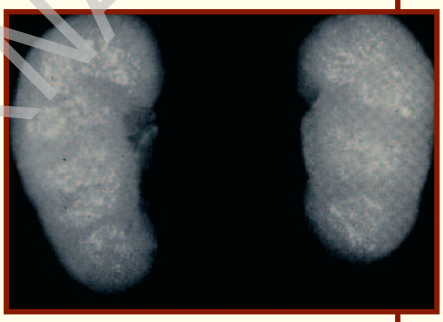
From the Editor-in-Chief

More than three years after the birth of our Journal we are revisiting the topic of Primary Hypercalciuria. The informative collection of papers in this disorder of mineral and bone metabolism testifies the activity that characterizes an evolving interdisciplinary field.

You will find articles on epidemiology, mechanisms and molecules, diagnostic approaches and therapeutic interventions in Primary Hypercalciuria. Recent advances, spearheaded by genetic information, are the focus of articles by Giovanni Gambaro and coll. and Giuseppe Vezzoli and coll. A common pathogenesis of the metabolic syndrome and nephrolitiasis is discussed by Giuseppe Mossetti and coll. Particulary useful to our bone specialists is the excellent summary of the skeletal disease in Primary Hypercalciuria by Stefania Sella and coll. The biochemical diagnosis of Primary Hypercalciuria is elegantly reviewed by Claudio Vitale and coll. Therapeutical interventions are covered by experts in the field.



A special appreciation goes to Emanule Croppi, who assisted me in incorporating the mini-reviews in this number of CCMBM. Moreover, Dr. Croppi and coll. reviewed a very important area, the role of the general practitioner in the diagnosis and management of nephrolitiasis.

The issue also includes a review discussing regulatory issues related to genetic biomarkers in Europe by Giuseppe Novelli and coll. This is the first full report written in the field for an international Journal, making us all especially proud of hosting a manuscript that is going to enjoy a high citation index.

As always, CCMBM takes only responsibility for the editorial content and peer-review.

The aforementioned contents support the scientific relevance of our Journal, whose main mission is to fill the gaps in knowledge regarding metabolic bone diseases.

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