

From the Editor-in-Chief

With this issue *Clinical Cases in Mineral and Bone Metabolism (CCMBM)* is closing its eighth year of life. Looking back to our path we can be certainly pleased of the Journal performance, as evident from the excellent collection of papers included in the present issue of the Journal.

In this issue of *CCMBM* we have brought together reports on different areas of metabolic bone disorders and of orthopaedic science.

Laura Masi reviewed the area of phosphatonins, a fascinating topic with important translational applications into clinical medicine.

Secondary osteoporoses are presented by Giuseppina Padova et al., by Maryam Sahebari et al. and by Pedro Juan Tárraga López et al.

Two papers are devoted to the interactions between bone and brain, with osteoporosis and Parkinson's disease being reviewed by Laura Maria Raglione et al., while neuropsychiatric disorders in hip fractured patients are covered by Giovanni Iolascon et al.

The management of sacral stress fractures are very well present by Valentina Longhino et al.

Paolo Tonelli et al. presented the modern technologies used in improving bone regeneration in dental disorders.

A review on the clinical studies published on the use of the SERM bazedoxifene in the prevention of hip fractures is discussed in a report of Stefano Lello et al. While the potential benefits on the use of Parmigiano Reggiano to increase calcium and protein intake are presented by Barbara Pampaloni et al. This is a controversial area that is attracting a great attention by the clinical community in Italy.

Prisco Piscitelli et al. introduced two important epidemiological analyses, one on the fracture incidence in Italy up to 2008 (an extension of previously published data) and another one on the compliance to antifracture treatments in the Tuscany Region.

A case report on the osteoporosis secondary to cystic fibrosis by Pietro Cialdella et al. could not be missed in this number of *CCMBM*.

Finally, Francesco Tonelli is entertaining us again with a reflection on the role of art to popularize orthopaedic science.

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

At *CCMBM* we are always trying to increase your interest in the medical and surgical management of bone disorders. We trust that you will find this issue of *CCMBM* to be of particular interest.



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by Niceta of Byzantium – Xth Century).
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