

Dear colleagues,

In the current issue, the editorial by Tourkochristou et al. addresses the effects of SARS-CoV-2 infection on the gastrointestinal tract. In particular, it focuses on clinical studies on this topic and presents all evidence regarding SARS-CoV-2 transmission and COVID-19 pathophysiology in the digestive system.

The original article by Konstantakis et al. evaluates the feasibility and efficacy of endoscopic treatment of biliary complications in patients undergoing cholecystectomy. Another original study by Lagadinou et al. investigates the knowledge of healthcare professionals in regards to adult vaccination and its safety; in parallel the article explores the proportion of health care professionals who have been vaccinated and the correlation of vaccination rates to educational level and work type.

Moreover, this issue includes three reviews. The first review, by Moulakakis et al. investigates the pathogenesis, clinical presentation and treatment of secondary

aorto-enteric fistula, an uncommon and life-threatening clinical complication following both open and endovascular repair of abdominal aortic aneurysms. Papasotiriou et al. describes current clinical data on the efficacy and safety of oral anticoagulation in patients with atrial fibrillation and established chronic kidney disease. Lastly, the review by Dara et al. discusses the non-invasive functional and morphological assessment of brain circulation and microstructure in patients with systemic lupus erythematosus and neuropsychiatric lupus erythematosus.

Dear friends, on behalf of our editorial team, I wish you a pleasant and safe summer. A summer that will mark the end of this pandemic.

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