

Dear colleagues,

In the current issue, the editorial by Liossis et al. critically discusses the recent data on the severe manifestation of systemic lupus erythematosus, the lupus nephritis, with a special focus on the need to perform a renal biopsy or not. The second editorial, by Zygomalas et al. explores the multifaceted role of artificial intelligence in modern surgery, investigating the theoretical underpinnings and the practical applications across clinical settings. In addition, it discusses future perspectives that hold the promise of revolutionizing surgical practices.

Moreover, this issue includes two original research articles. The original research article by Sakaretsanou et al. assesses the challenges faced by humanitarian aid workers operating in Greece during the COVID-19 pandemic and in parallel discusses feasible solutions to mitigate these challenges. The original research article by Sourgiadaki et al. explores the effect of active musical engagement on the mental health including stress, anxiety, and depression of residents in the region of Piraeus, Greece. Moreover, it correlates and quantifies

the time spent on musical engagement in relation to the reduction or non-reduction of daily anxiety, stress, and depression, according to the participants' subjective opinion.

Lastly, this issue includes two review articles. The first review, by Lykoura et al. highlights the main aspects of the diagnostic approach and treatment of antiphospholipid syndrome in everyday clinical practice of internal medicine physicians. Lastly, the review by Iliopoulos et al. provides the current knowledge concerning the understanding of gout epidemiology, the basic pathophysiology features, as well as the management and follow-up.

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