

Foreword

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Dr Magdi El-Omar is a Consultant Interventional Cardiologist at the Manchester Heart Centre and an Honorary Senior Lecturer at the University of Manchester, Manchester, UK. He graduated from St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, in 1988 and undertook his postgraduate general medical training in London and Oxford. He then completed his general cardiology training in Birmingham, Oxford and Wales, before subspecialising in coronary intervention. The latter included a 2.5-year clinical/research fellowship in interventional cardiology at the Cardiovascular Research Foundation and the New York University Medical Centre, New York, USA. During his time there, he worked closely with leaders in the field, including Drs Greg Stone, Martin Leon, Gary Roubin, Frederick Feit and Aaron Marcus. Dr El-Omar has been involved in research for over 25 years. He undertook a 2-year British Heart Foundation Junior Research Fellowship in basic science (diabetic cardiomyopathy in a rat model) in 1997–1998, which led to the award of an MD degree by the University of London. He has since been actively involved in clinical research, especially in the fields of acute coronary syndromes and coronary intervention. He has authored more than 65 peer-reviewed articles, mostly in high-impact journals. He has been local principal investigator for several landmark, international multi-centre trials (e.g. HORIZONS-AMI, INFUSE-AMI, TOTAL, TWILIGHT, etc.). He is actively involved in education and training and is a course co-director of the International Complex Cardiovascular Catheter Therapeutics Conference in the USA.

Welcome to the winter 2019 issue of *Heart International*! I hope you will enjoy reading the selection of articles we have included in this edition. We open with a letter from my co-Editor-in-Chief, Dr Rajesh Davé, focusing on the recently forged partnership between the journal and the International Complex Cardiovascular Catheter Therapeutics (C3) conference. This partnership is certain to strengthen the journal and take it to the next level in its journey of maturation.

We then have two excellent reviews, one by Heradien et al. on renal denervation in high-risk patients with hypertension, and the other by Brieger et al. on drug-eluting stents, with a focus on the ultrathin Orsiro drug-eluting stent. These reviews are valuable not only for providing a useful historical perspective, but also for summarising the most contemporary data on the topics.

For original research, Chockalingam et al. characterise a variant of Takotsubo (or stress) cardiomyopathy, known as secondary stress cardiomyopathy, in a series of 18 consecutive patients with critical illness admitted to their hospital over a 2.5-year period. Shoemaker et al. examine the presence and magnitude of seasonal variation in daily physical activity in community-dwelling individuals with heart failure and implantable cardioverter defibrillator/cardiac resynchronisation therapy devices.

Finally, a case report by Uretsky et al. highlights the importance of pressure wire positioning when evaluating the significance of equivocal left main stenosis with fractional flow reserve measurement.

We are most grateful to the authors for submitting their work to the journal and to our Editorial Board and peer reviewers for ensuring that the published material is of the highest possible quality. We are currently welcoming submissions to our summer 2020 issue and we encourage any interested readers to submit original research, reviews, editorials, case reports and letters to the Editor. Submissions can be made through our online submission system at: www.editorialmanager.com/touchcardio/default.aspx or by contacting myself or the journal's Associate Editor, Heather Hall (E: heather.hall@touchmedicalmedia.com).

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