

## Foreword and Call for Submissions 2020



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Welcome to the latest edition of *European Neurological Review*, which features a wide range of articles of interest to neurologists and other practitioners involved in the care of patients with neurological illness. As we move into a new decade, the field of neurology continues to face fresh challenges. Despite an increased understanding of the pathophysiological processes underlying neurological illness, the burden of neurological disease is growing in our ageing population.

We begin with an expert interview, in which Najib Khalife describes the recent developments in therapeutic plasma exchange and its immunomodulatory effects in neuromuscular diseases. Next, in an editorial, Uwe Reuter discusses the latest clinical data in support of erenumab, which is proving highly effective in patients with difficult-to-treat migraine who have high unmet needs and few treatment options. In another editorial, Leong Tung Ong describes the pathogenesis underlying temporal lobe epilepsy.

The optimal treatment of myasthenia gravis is challenging, particularly in elderly patients who have comorbid conditions. Nils Erik Gilhus reviews the current treatment options for patients with severe disease. Multiple sclerosis (MS) also presents a therapeutic challenge, particularly given the increasing number of approved MS therapies and their various associated side effects. Beyza Ciftci-Kavaklioglu and E Ann Yeh present a comprehensive review of an emerging therapy – the small molecule sphingosine-1-phosphate receptor modulator, ozanimod – which appears promising in early stage clinical trials and offers the potential of reduced cardiac effects compared to its predecessor, fingolimod.

Published alongside this edition, we have two sponsored supplements, both summarising the proceedings of satellite symposia held at the 5th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology, Oslo, Norway, on the subject of Parkinson's disease (PD). In the first, Poewe et al. discuss the challenge of treatment responses wearing-off in patients with PD, as well as the importance of early detection of wearing-off, and current management strategies to lessen its impact. In the second, Pagonabarraga et al. describe strategies to optimise dopamine treatments, which remain the gold-standard therapy for PD, including combined treatment strategies and alternative pharmacological approaches.

We would like to end with an invitation to authors to submit review articles, editorials, special reports, case reports and original research across all areas of neurology. We are particularly interested in the submission of real-world studies and topical review articles that provide a concise overview of the latest clinical trial data and developments in the field. Authors can submit their manuscript directly through the Editorial Manager site (details below) and presubmission enquiries can be made to the journal's editor, christina.mackins@touchmedicalmedia.com. Accepted articles are published free-to-access online, and we encourage authors to submit accompanying multimedia content alongside their article.

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