

Editorial

ESPAI will celebrate the World Allergy Week (WAW 2022) on June 5-11. This year, it adopted the topic of "The Asthma and Allergy Connection" by holding a webinar on Friday June 10, 2022, that is open for attendance without any fees. Details will be available soon on our website (<http://www.espai-eg.org>) and on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TheESPAI>). For further info and resources about the WAW 2022, visit the World Allergy Organization website (<https://www.worldallergy.org/resources/world-allergy/2022>).

This issue of the Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology contains many state-of-the-art articles. The review article is entitled "Value of urinary ceruloplasmin as a marker in juvenile SLE". The search for a non-invasive urinary marker of lupus nephritis is an appealing point of research indeed. The authors stated that ceruloplasmin is a highly effective antioxidant that is expressed at high levels by parietal epithelial cells of Bowman's capsule and that it could possibly detoxify molecules as they pass through the glomerular filter.

Five original articles were carefully selected after peer-reviewing by International and local experts in the field. The first article explores the value of serum nitric oxide and malondialdehyde as potential activity and severity markers of oxidative stress in juvenile idiopathic arthritis. The results suggested a significant role in the etiopathogenesis of JIA. The impact of pediatric systemic lupus erythematosus on the health-related quality of life was investigated in the second article. The authors concluded that Patients with lupus cerebritis and carditis had the worst QOL status and this might be related to the physical impairment and/or intensity of immunosuppressive medications. The third article sought to assess serum levels of interferon beta (INF- β) and nucleotide-binding oligomerization domain 2 (NOD2) gene polymorphism in relation to asthma phenotypes in children. The results provided possible evidence of the impact of rs2066845 G allele on asthma development. In the fourth article, the authors studied the serum survivin expression in systemic onset juvenile idiopathic arthritis in relation to disease activity and macrophage activation and reported a potential prognostic value of this marker. The last article is about serum periostin level in children with bronchial asthma and the data suggest a possible link to asthma severity.

An English/Arabic glossary that contains a list of allergy and immunology relevant terms and expressions is included as well as a collection of abstracts from recent international publications in allergy/immunology. Do not forget to take a glance on the list of upcoming Allergy/Immunology global events in our journal's calendar.

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We look forward to receiving your comments and suggestions.

The Editors