

## Editorial

ESPAI as well as the whole world will celebrate the World Allergy Week (WAW 2024) from June 23 to 29, 2024. This year, it will discuss global concerns about food allergy with a slogan of “Overcoming Food Allergy Obstacles” We are pleased to announce that this year’s president of the WAW is Prof Elham Hossny, the Secretary General of ESPAI. Info about the WAW 2024 International Webinar and resources will be available soon on the websites of the WAO (<https://www.worldallergy.org/resources/world-allergy-week>) and ESPAI (<https://espai-eg.org>) as well as on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TheESPAI>).

Our next international congress will be held on November 6-7, 2024. The congress as usual will be internationally accredited and will provide CME hours. It will host very imminent international, regional, and local speakers and moderators. Registration and attendance of sessions will be as usual free of charge! Mark your calendar and wait for details from our website and Facebook page.

We also encourage you to get registered and participate in the global event of the WAO (The World Allergy Congress WAC 2024). It will be held on September 27-29 in Lisbon, Portugal. The website of the congress displays the keynote lectures and detailed program as well as registration and accommodation links (<https://www.worldallergy.org/wao-meetings/wac-2024/>)

This issue of the Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology contains several state-of-the-art articles. The review article shows important data about preschool wheeze. It is worth reading and will provide you with up-to-date info about phenotypes and risk factors in a nutshell. Three original articles were carefully selected after peer-reviewing by International and local experts in the field. Assessment of serum and cutaneous JAK3 in juvenile scleroderma is the title of the first article. This was a pilot study that included 16 patients and 17 healthy controls. The authors concluded that JAK 3 might contribute to the pathogenesis of juvenile systemic sclerosis and that a serum level of > 400 pg/dl might serve as a biomarker for early diagnosis. In the second article, the authors sought to investigate the serum NLR pyrin domain 3 (NLRP3) protein expression in juvenile systemic lupus erythematosus and lupus nephritis (LN) in a pilot cross sectional study. It was significantly correlated to the SLE activity index (SLEDAI), but not to LN Class or lab markers of activity. Comparison between pediatric patients with SLE with and without LN and comparing renal NLRP3 inflammasome to its peripheral expression in LN were the recommendations for future research. The third article reports a case of infective endocarditis in a previously healthy a 12-year-old girl masquerading as systemic lupus erythematosus. Abstracts presented at our 18th international congress (ESPAI 2023) are published hereby and they are about three very interesting case reports.

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.

I would like to remind you that links to the World Allergy Organization (WAO) website and the WAO online journal are displayed on our website. I encourage you indeed to submit your articles to this very well peer-reviewed journal (<https://jespai.org/>; <https://ejpai.journals.ekb.eg/>). You can also be directed to the website of the Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies (FOCIS) in which ESPAI is an active member (<https://www.focisnet.org/>).

*The Editors*