

EDITORIAL

Dear Colleagues and Friends,



On behalf of the Editors and the Editorial Board, I am delighted to introduce this second issue of the *International Journal of Bone Fragility* (IJBF), Rare and Common Disorders. The journal is a perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in the advancements of the fast-growing field of bone disorders and, as authors, to get your work published in a journal that has excellent reach and expectations of making a significant impact.

IJBF, still in its first year, is a natural offshoot of the expansion of the annual OrtoMed members' conference that regularly attracts over 300 participants. It was felt that a dedicated journal would be the ideal vehicle to build on the success of the OrtoMed Conference, as well as to capture the diverse scholarly interests of the ever more vibrant OrtoMed community.

This issue contains the papers given at the 2020 OrtoMed Conference. You can find articles on a range of topics: long-term refracture and mortality in hip fracture patients; fracture distribution in the new era of SARS-CoV-2; role of assistive devices in frail elderly with fragility fractures; biological and biomechanical basis of long-bone diaphyseal fractures; X-linked hypophosphatemic rickets (aimed at the orthopedic surgeon); dental and periodontal features in X-linked hypophosphatemia; vitamin D supplementation in COVID-19; and health-related quality of life in Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia Type 1.

We invite you to continue to send us articles relevant to the emerging debates on fragility fractures.

If everyone (authors, reviewers and editors) continues to play their part, we are confident we will reach our goal of bringing your research and clinical experience to a broad audience of international healthcare professionals.

The contributions to this issue of *IJBF* provide numerous guideposts and recommendations for improving the care of patients affected by fragility fractures. It is our hope that this fine collection of articles will be a valuable resource for our readership and will help us to reach new readers in the fast-moving area of fragility fractures.

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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