

Editorial

When I started the project of this journal, I did not expect such a positive feedback regarding the idea itself of having a journal which focuses on this 'uncommon' disease, it is the appearance of new diagnostic and treatment modalities and it is the fact that keratoconus is much more frequent than we thought. Professionals who deal with this disease or with refractive surgery know that the disease is more frequent in its manifest and more in its 'forme fruste' than reported. It is not easy to estimate the frequency and prevalence of the keratoconus, some are diagnosed as amblyopic eyes, others are happy with their glasses, others manage well with their contact lenses fitted by their optometrist. Only part of them are treated in the ophthalmology departments of the hospitals or in the private centers which are specialized in treating keratoconus and these centers are mostly private centers. There is also a difference in the frequency of keratoconus among various ethnic groups. Post-LASIK and post-PRK ectasia are underreported too.

The first issue of the journal had positive feedback too because of the quality of the articles and case reports. It included two articles on collagen corneal cross-linking in the pediatric population, the case reports on post-PRK ectasia, 'The imperative of the Early Identification of Corneal Ectasia—The Importance of Routine Topographic/Tomographic Examination after Refractive Surgery', 'Corneal Physiology and Responses to Cross-Linking and Intracorneal Rings in Keratoconus', 'Refractive, Tomographic and Biomechanical Outcomes after Implantation of Ferrara ICRS in Keratoconus Patients', 'Simplified Nomenclature for describing Keratoconus', 'The Challenges of the Detection of Subclinical Keratoconus at its Earliest Stage', 'Comparison of Placido, Scheimpflug and Combined Dual Scheimpflug-Placido Technologies in Evaluating Anterior and Posterior CLMI, SimK's as well as Kmax, in Keratoconic and Postrefractive Surgery Ectasia', 'UVA/Riboflavin Cross-Linking as an Alternative Treatment for Therapeutic Keratoplasty in Corneal Melting', 'Predictors of Clinical Outcomes after Intrastromal Corneal Ring Segments Implantation' and 'The Epidemiology and Etiology of Keratoconus'. If, dear reader, you did not see the journal, you can see it at the website www.ijkecd.com, still free.

We are still having the difficulties of any new project, we need to increase the number of subscribers, we are short of advertisement and articles, publishing in this journal does not provide the authors with the credits as other journals do, we are not on the Pubmed yet, but with the belief and support of the outstanding editorial board members and the professionals who deal with keratoconus and ectatic corneal diseases, we will go on with this important scientific project.

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