



Editorial

Dear readers and colleagues,

Welcome to the first issue of Neurologia Croatica 2015. I hope that you will enjoy reading it and that we will continue increasing national and international scientific popularity of our journal. In the first part of this issue, we bring two interesting clinical reviews, which are in my opinion educative especially for younger colleagues. One review is dedicated to the new diagnostic criteria for Alzheimer's disease which perceive this clinical entity as a continuum that encompasses three different stages: preclinical phase, symptomatic pre-dementia phase (mild cognitive impairment) and dementia phase. These criteria also place emphasis on using biomarkers to provide earlier and more specific diagnosis in order to ensure effective treatment. Another review brings data on small fiber neuropathy, a relatively common but underdiagnosed and undertreated disorder, given that clinical picture can be difficult to interpret. It is associated with various systemic diseases. However, there are most recent discoveries of several novel mutations to sodium channels in patients with idiopathic type. The diagnosis of this clinical entity relies on clinical features (painful paresthesias and/or signs of autonomic dysfunction) combined with abnormal quantification of intraepidermal nerve fiber density and/or deficit in temperature threshold on quantitative sensory testing. Early diagnosis is crucial because it can lead to prompt initiation of causative or symptomatic treatment.

The second part of this issue brings two interesting case reports – one is the second reported case of chordoid meningeoma situated in the third ventricle in a pediatric patient, with good clinical outcome after second operation due to tumor relapse. Another case report published by colleagues from Taiwan discusses clinical entity of the pontine Ménière's syndrome that might be a variation of pontine transient ischemic attack with caudal pontine tegmentum syndrome or a pathophysiology similar to that of vestibular migraine.

We are grateful to all reviewers of the articles published in this issue for their scientific and professional expertise. At the end, I invite you to submit your papers to the journal Neurologia Croatica. Your contribution to the quality of this journal will be highly appreciated.

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