

Congratulations and cooperation

Dear Sir

I must congratulate the Saudi Medical Journal for such an outstanding issue devoted to Hepatitis C virus (HCV)¹ Saudi Med J 2003; 24 Suppl 2. I found the overall approach extremely updated and informative. As a past long time referee and Editorial Board member I can be only proud of this scientific excellence. Since first cooperating with Saudi Med J in the late 1980s, when I was working in Japan, I have witnessed a constant strengthening of its scientific authority.

For the past 5 years I have been involved in a truly breakthrough non-invasive biophysical methodology, pioneered by an Italian bioengineer, by which we are proving that biophysics can indeed modify what it was once believed as "irreversible". Lately, we have been working on HCV-related liver cirrhosis, which, as you know, is widely distributed in Italy. By applying such novel biophysical treatment, we are achieving excellent results with decrease of portal hypertension, near to normalization of portal veins dynamics, reduction disappearance of esophageal varices, boosting of immune system. A recent pilot study is now invited as lecture in foreign universities and accepted in several outstanding and very exclusive scientific meetings such as the 10th International meeting of Biochemical Gerontology (manuscript to be published next year in the famous Annals of New York Academy of Sciences), 5th Japan Society of Hepatology, 7th Asia-Oceania Gerontology Congress ("Chronic Disease" session) and so on).

This is to say that I was very eager to communicate such novel data in the Saudi Medical Journal and, in particular I would like to exchange opinions with the Guest Editor, the Emeritus Prof. Ossama Shobokshi. Thus, may I ask whether: 1. We could send a letter to the Saudi Medical Journal; 2. If possible can you give me the email of Prof. Shobokshi? This year I had made a very brief communication on this topic at the Egyptian Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary meeting in Luxor, being a regularly invited guest of that society. However, in the Middle East medical world, which I feel close to, I have not made any proper written scientific communication as yet. Of course, should you need an updated curriculum vitae of mine, I can provide it immediately.

Once again, I extend my congratulations to you and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Reply from the Author

I appreciated the kind words of the well reputed Professor Francesco Marotta, Consultant in Gastroenterology in S. Giuseppe Hospital, Milano, Italy, who is by nature a Scientist in Biomedical Gerontology. I appreciated his kind words towards the issue devoted to HCV virus Saudi Med J 2003; 24 Suppl 2, which stated that the overall approach was extremely updated and informative and that he is proud of this scientific excellence.

It is very interesting to read that for the last 5 years Prof. Marotta has been involved in a truly breakthrough non-invasive biophysical treatment to HCV-related patients. They are achieving excellent results with decrease of portal hypertension, near-to-normalization of portal vein dynamics, reduction disappearance of esophageal varices and boosting of immune system.

I would be more than honored to exchange opinions with Professor Marotta on such novel data in hopes that such an approach could be applied towards the health care of human beings in this part of the world.

Thanking Professor Marotta for his kind interesting hepatitis C research.

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