
EDITORIAL

And so the month of August is upon us. It certainly is an august period having been deemed so by no other than Augustus Caesar himself who conquered Egypt during this time some 2000 years ago in 8 BC. For the more globally-orientated of us, August also hosts the following international events of note – Forgiveness Day (very insightful), Beer Day (very, very insightful) and Go Topless Day (no immediate comment). Relevant to our continent as well, Independence Day is celebrated in at least 7 African states during August and our own country will pay tribute to half of its citizens on Wednesday the 9th, this being National Women's Day in South Africa. But more importantly our readers will be treated to the second edition of JEMDSA 2017 this month!

And so JEMDSA offers another three challenging articles that conform to the best of academic inquiry. The first article, ex Ganjifrockwala F. et al., presents much basic science for clinicians

to digest and allows us to recall the role of measured oxidative stress in South African patients with diabetes. We also present a series of three patients with a salt wasting disorder. As such, Stojanovic V. et al., ex Sebia, utilise these rare metabolic abnormalities to overview the primary pathophysiology mechanisms that underlie otherwise commonly encountered electrolyte disturbances. Finally, Rossouw J. et al. are able to offer insight to the interplay between maternal dysglycemia and stillbirths. This comprehensive analysis offers insights not only to better diabetes care (this is clearly needed) but, more importantly, to the public health challenge of getting mothers with diabetes to centres where treatment can be provided (this is needed even more so).

Happy reading and please challenge yourselves with the delightful MCQs!

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