EDITORIAL

Sadly, we have begun 2024 witnessing the ongoing violence against the Palestinians of Gaza, which, at the time of writing, has continued unabated for over 125 days. That we have observed attacks on healthcare workers and facilities in this region is beyond belief. As South Africans, we should be rightfully proud of our country's commitment to speak out against injustice and the decision to approach the International Court of Justice and understandably dismayed at the continued disregard of the Court's rulings.

This issue of the journal features six articles related to type 2 diabetes, two of which are review papers. Mental health issues in patients with type 2 diabetes are under-recognised. Chetty et al. conducted a scoping review on *MRI brain-findings in patients with depression and type 2 diabetes*. Despite the heterogeneity among the studies in this review, it was interesting to note that both diabetes and depression are associated with quantifiable structural brain abnormalities. We also feature a review entitled *Cardiorenal effects of SGLT2 inhibitors: who might benefit?*, by Klug et al. comprehensively summarising the wide-ranging benefits of this relatively new drug class.

We also feature two original papers from local institutions. The use of snuff tobacco is not unusual among patients in South Africa. Ally and van Zyl report on *A retrospective cohort study to determine the effect of snuff tobacco use on diabetes mellitus complications over a period of 9 years*. Ngassa Piotie et al. conducted an audit of diabetes management at primary healthcare facilities. The findings in this study are not novel, but reinforce the need to intensify therapy at all levels of care in order to achieve glycaemic control.

This issue marks a change in JEMDSA's editorship. We welcome Prof. Joel Dave as the new editor of the journal and wish him all the best in this role. As always, we strongly encourage our readers to enthusiastically support the journal, contribute to its content and actively participate in the peer-review process.

Happy reading!

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