

Topical Collection “Updates in obstetrics and gynecology”: summary of the first year

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We are very glad of the opportunity of this Editorial, aimed to summarize the first year of the Topical Collection “Updates in obstetrics and gynecology”. The idea derived from the desire to create a collection of manuscripts providing new evidence or summarizing the most recent available pieces of evidence in the field of women’s care, both in obstetrics [1, 2] and gynecology [3, 4]. From new advances in the treatment of gynecological malignancies to the study of molecular mechanisms involved in pathologies affecting fertility, from the investigation of fetal abnormalities by ultrasound to the most recent advances in obstetric care in the setting of delivery room, providing a Collection able to become the starting point of new researches.

The first year was actually successful, with a high number of manuscripts submitted. Among the most important published articles, Baciú *et al.* [5] discussed the most up-to-date evidence from a multidisciplinary perspective of using Tenofovir to reduce mother-to-child transmission of hepatitis B infection as well as its safety profile for pregnant women. Another important article in the field of infectious disease in obstetrics was published by Zhang *et al.* [6], who found a high prevalence of Group B Streptococcus colonization in late-pregnant women and revealed the resistant patterns of this colonization, inferring a possible mechanism of the resistance to antimicrobial agents. We are also very proud of announcing in this Topical Collection an important article by Liu *et al.* [7]: indeed, this study reports the cerebellar extrauterine reference range, between transverse cerebellar diameter, vermis height, vermis diameter, vermis circumference, vermis area, vermis eccentricity ratio of neonates of appropriate for gestational age.

Apart from obstetrics, the first year of the Topical Collection “Updates in obstetrics and gynecology” was also a reference point for gynecological oncology. Among the most important ones, we would like to highlight an article of exceptional quality by Bakır and Colleagues [8], who clarified how ligneous cervico-vaginitis may mimic female genital tract malignancies. In addition, Karakaş *et al.* [9] published an accurate and precise overview about fertility-sparing treatments in cancer patients. Finally, much space of our Topi-

cal Collection was dedicated to minimally invasive surgery: of particular interest, we are glad to highlight the diagnosis and management of intramural ectopic pregnancy reported by Hu *et al.* [10], with good outcome as was reported for other type of ectopic pregnancies [11, 12]. These points are of paramount importance, and allow us to remark the role of hysteroscopy [13, 14] and laparoscopy [15] for the management of gynecological diseases.

From this short overview of the first year, we are honored that our Topical Collection “Updates in obstetrics and gynecology” in Clinical and Experimental Obstetrics and Gynecology was considered a reference point in our field: we are sincerely grateful for the high number of submissions, and we will work hard to ensure the highest quality standard for the future.

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