

## Editorial

This supplement of *The Open Atherosclerosis & Thrombosis Journal* is an update on thrombotic and haemorrhagic disorders. The articles focus on topics that were addressed at an Italian Meeting on Diagnostic and Therapeutic approach to thrombotic and haemorrhagic disorders, held in Naples, Italy, in March 2009.

Part of this update is directed to venous thromboembolism. In particular, the role of comorbidity associated with venous thromboembolism and to medical conditions associated to venous thromboembolism that are usually excluded from randomised controlled trials on this topic and for which there are no international guidelines. An overview on diagnostic tools and therapeutic supports for venous thrombosis at unusual sites was also reported.

Two original contributions were also reported, the first on the role of inherited thrombophilia to promote early onset of acute coronary syndrome, and the second to evaluate risk factors for thrombosis in women included in a national Spanish registry.

Following these original contributions, an update on modern pharmacological treatment of ischaemic stroke and to non-ST elevated myocardial infarction or unstable angina was presented.

The third focus of the issue is an update of unusual thrombotic disorders in women. Two reports were focused on the role of thrombophilia in recurrent pregnancy loss, and one of them also covered the antithrombotic pharmacological approach. Another relevant review was focused on the role of chronic hormonal treatment, like oral contraception or hormone replacement therapy, and the risk of thrombosis.

The last topic was devoted to a modern view and approach to acquired hemophilia, a potentially life-threatening disease that is underestimated and under-diagnosed.

We think these topics will be of interest to the readers of the journal.

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