

Asia Pacific, and beyond

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Wish you have a very Happy New Year! With your support, Asia Pacific allergy (AP Allergy) has been very successful for more than three years since the launching ceremony on November 6, 2010 and its inaugural issue release on April 30, 2011.

AP Allergy has published forty nine review articles from Australia (7), Finland (1), India (3), Indonesia (2), Italia (1), Japan (5), Korea (13), Malaysia (1), Singapore (7), Slovak (1), Sri Lanka (1), Sweden (1), Taiwan (3), Thailand (2), and the United Kingdom (1). Total of forty five original articles from Australia (4), China (1), Indonesia (1), Iran (1), Japan (8), Korea (11), Mexico (2), Mongolia (1), New Zealand (1), Philippines (5), Singapore (4), Sri Lanka (1), Thailand (4), and Turkey (1) and 9 case reports from Indonesia (1), Korea (7), and United Kingdom (1). In addition to the case reports, 4 letters have been published so far. Recently the articles of AP Allergy have been frequently accessed, downloaded, and cited.

Cough is a common symptom of patients who visit a clinic. Chronic cough lasts more than 8 weeks and the most common causes are closely related to allergic diseases such as upper airway cough syndrome due to rhinosinusitis, asthma,

nonasthmatic eosinophilic bronchitis, and gastroesophageal disease. This issue of AP Allergy features important aspect of cough hypersensitivity in chronic cough [1]. Genetic regulation is a key phenomenon in understanding of life science. The interaction of environment and genetic regulation, in other words, epigenetic regulation in allergic diseases is reviewed in this issue [2]. Airway remodeling, a critical component in the management of asthma, and its relationship with mechanical force was reviewed as well [3]. Drug hypersensitivity can be related with some of viral infections such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. As a matter of fact, antiviral drugs can result in drug hypersensitivity. Drug hypersensitivity in HIV-infected patients is also featured in this issue [4].

Readers of this journal will find original articles on the prevalence of asthma and allergic rhinitis among adult population in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia [5], the pH of antiseptic cleansers for atopic dermatitis patients [6], the effects of wheezing in early childhood in the development of allergic rhinitis in later years [7], and the age of onset as a risk factor of

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renal involvement in Henoch-Schönlein purpura [8]. They may also have a new idea on the frequently asked questions in allergy practice from a study in Singapore [9].

The issue contains an educational case report of Stevens-Johnson Syndrome and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis that were rapidly developed after ingestion of Acetaminophen [10].

Asia Pacific Association of Allergy, Asthma, and Clinical Immunology (APAAACI) had a successful congress (APCAACI 2013) in Taipei, Taiwan in last November. During the congress, Dr. Connie Kateralis who is the immediate past president of APAAACI has been elected as the new Editor-in-Chief in the editorial board meeting.

As the founding editors, we thank you very much for your strong support. We wish Asia Pacific Allergy a brilliant future with the new Editor-in-Chief: Asia Pacific, and beyond.

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