



Dear Readers,

The year 2024, now coming to an end, has been a breakthrough for the journal *Reumatologia*. Our inclusion in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) and being awarded an Impact Factor are both great honours and a significant responsibility for the editors and authors. For our readers, I hope this recognition will result in the best possible quality of articles and presentation of important and engaging topics.

This final issue of the year reflects the broad subject matter of rheumatology, highlighting the connections with many other fields, including psychiatry, haematology, orthopaedics and imaging methods of the musculoskeletal system. It also illustrates the complexity of diseases without systemic inflammation, such as osteoarthritis, as well as inflammatory autoimmune rheumatic diseases such as systemic lupus erythematosus and Sjogren's syndrome. I would like to draw special attention to the editorial, written by outstanding ophthalmologists, addressing the problem of dry eye – a condition also linked to rheumatology. I encourage you to read these interesting papers and look forward to receiving your contributions in the future.

Dear Readers, Authors, Reviewers, and Friends,

The wheel of the year has come full circle, and soon it will be Christmas Eve and the end of 2024. I would like to thank you all for your support this year, and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed their time and talents to make our journal even better.

While looking forward to further cooperation in the next year, the *Reumatologia* Editorial Team and I send our warmest Christmas and New Year wishes to you and your family.

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