

What's In This Issue?

Letter from the founding facilitator for Volume 2,
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We have packed a lot into this anniversary issue. I open the journal with my thoughts about the journal one year into this project. Then, I am very pleased that the two University of Missouri medical students, Breanna Tuhlei and Jihane (Jiji) Oufattole, who serve as managing editors, have both written wonderful pieces about their experience with the journal. What a treat to have these two bright young medical students as part of the RRMNF Neuromuscular Journal team! It is an additional pleasure to have Marianne Reed, our digital publishing facilitator, also share some thoughts for our anniversary issue. We would never have gotten this journal launched without her steady assistance.

I wrote a piece for black history month on a scientist some of you may not know about, Dr. Percy Julian, who was instrumental in developing synthetic acetylcholinesterase inhibitors and various cortisol compounds. Dr. Freeman provides thoughts about issues regarding the unequal distribution of COVID-19 vaccinations for underserved populations. Dr. Govindarajan has written a piece for "What's on Your Mind" called "Lost Muse." In the New Stuff category, the University of Kansas Medical Center team, led by Dr. John Stanford, describes encouraging results using ketamine in the SOD mouse model of ALS. Dr. Farheen and his team discuss how residency training programs had to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Lestayo and her colleagues from Cuba describe a large series of GBS cases with excellent clinical-epidemiological data. There are four very interesting cases described in the

Clinic Stuff section: a case with a novel CMTX mutation and a novel RYR1 mutation from the University of Missouri, and two COVID-19 cases; one case describes a patient who had two confirmed COVID-19 infections and another describes an exacerbation of MG after a second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. In the Visual Stuff section, there is a great recording of eyelid myotonia and facial stiffness in a patient with a sodium channel mutation from the Kansas clinic. There are two articles in the Looking Backwards/Looking Forward section. Dr. Murala and team have written an excellent review of infectious myositis. The international team of scientists from academia and industry tells the story of how the arimoclomol study for Inclusion Body Myositis got started that led to the ongoing phase 3 efficacy trial. We are also publishing our first poem in the journal, by Michael Abraham, MD, a neurologist at the University of Kansas Medical Center! In future issues, we hope to publish more art pieces: poetry, short stories, and other art forms. Finally, for the second consecutive issue, our cover art is a painting by the artist David Bates. This is another painting from his Katrina series in my art collection. What a good way to finish year one and start year two of the RRMNF Neuromuscular Journal.

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P.S. After we were nearly done with this issue I wrote another 'What's on your Mind' called IMAJN.