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J Meneses Calderón, G Aburto Huacuz, I González Sánchez, A Gutiérrez Vilchis, H Mendieta Zerón
Rheumatoid arthritis is a common autoimmune disease for which there is no known cure. Within a range of 425–650 nm and 11.33 J/cm², phototherapy can induce an improvement in clinical and

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G Taçoy, HD Başer, A Çengel, K Başer, Ö Kuş, AF Tuncel, A Bolayir, H Paşaoğlu, B Boyacı, R Yalçın

This study aimed to evaluate if the different types of pulmonary hypertension had the same effect on right-heart functions and serum asymmetric dimethylarginine levels in female patients. It was found that pulmonary arterial hypertension caused more impaired right-heart functions than pulmonary venous hypertension.

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AM Sekokotla, JE Iputo, CR Sewani-Rusike, IM Malema, OV Adeniyi, DT Goon, BN Nkeh-Chungag

This study highlights the increased cardiovascular risks in overweight/obese female school learners in an understudied region of South Africa. There were higher proportions of pre-hypertension, hypertension, and low-grade inflammation in overweight/obese participants in comparison with their lean participants.

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S Korkmaz, M Sencan, E Yildiz, H Terzi, R Egilmez

Patients with diffuse large B cell lymphoma (DLBCL) were sub-classified by immunohistochemical method to evaluate the effects of subgroups on prognosis. The lymph node biopsy specimens of 40 patients with DLBCL were stained with monoclonal antibody immunostains of CD10, Bcl-6 and MUM1. Finally, MUM1 was found negatively correlated with overall survival and event-free survival.

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RF Castillo, R-J Esteban, E Planells, O Haouari, JM López, AM Morcillo, JV Prados, MG Morales, J-J Carrero, JB Soto

Vascular calcification is a real problem related to chronic kidney disease, usually estimated by imaging methods. This study provided evidence on the quantitative increase of calcium, phosphorus and magnesium in the vascular wall in long-term dialysis patients undergoing transplantation. Knowing this type of data can help us to better understand and improve the prognosis of our patients.

51 The Effects of 2100 MHz Radio Frequency Radiation on Thyroid Tissues

S Tuncal, AK Önalın, F Aydoğan, V Unsal, N Yumuşak, EÖ Büyükatalay, G Öztürk, N Seyhan, S Celepli, E Devrim, B Kılıçoğlu

This study aimed to show the effect of 2100 MHz radio frequency radiation on the thyroid tissues of rats in early and late stages. According to the study, smart phones did not lead to significant biochemical and histopathological changes in the thyroid tissues of rats.

56 The Effects on Offspring of Diabetes Mellitus Induced by Chemical Agents in Rats with Advanced Pregnancy

N Canli, HA Ozkan, A Risvanli

Diabetes is the most important cause of perinatal mortality, and a four- to eight-fold greater malformation rate is observed among babies of diabetic mothers than among the general population. Cardiac anomalies and central nervous system anomalies are the most common anomalies observed in babies of diabetic mothers.

60 An Autopsy Series: Lightning-related Deaths in Van and Hakkâri Provinces, Turkey

Y Hekimoglu, M Asirdizer, U Demir, A Gur, Y Etlı, O Gumus, E Kartal

This study reported one of the largest series of lightning-related deaths in Turkey. The literature on this subject was reviewed, and similarities and differences between autopsy findings of the presented series and literature information were defined. From January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2015, 11 lightning-related fatalities occurred in Van and Hakkari Provinces, Turkey.