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13:00 REGISTRATION

Session 1

Hall A - Grand Ballroom



Young Rheumatologists Session
Oral Presentations

Chairpersons **Dr. Manal Mashaaleh-Jordan** **Dr. Asal Adnan-Iraq**
Dr. Heba Maaitah-Jordan **Dr. Mais Qudah-Jordan**

OP01

14:00-14:10

Autoinflammation vs Autoimmunity in 3 Children:
What is the Definitive Diagnosis?

Dr. Hamzah Nsour-Jordan

OP02

14:10-14:20

Real world Safety outcomes of biological therapy in pediatric
Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis: A retrospective study from Jordan

Dr. Sura Alhunifat-Jordan

OP03

14:20-14:30

Clinical Spectrum and Management Challenges: A Case Series of
Eleven Palestinian Patients with Hyper-IgD Syndrome

Dr. Nour Jafal & Dr. Banan Ateeq-Palestine

OP04

14:30-14:40

A Child with Rash and Painful Joints

Dr. Anas Odat-Jordan



OP05

14:40-14:50

Mucopolipidosis Type III in Two Consanguineous Families: A Metabolic Mimic of Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

Dr. Baraa Abuhameda-Palestine

OP06

14:50-15:00

Long-term use of Proton pump inhibitors and the risk of osteoporosis.

Dr. Zain aldeen Saleh-Jordan

S01

15:00-15:30

Early CTD-ILD Screening: Where Rheumatology Meets Pulmonology

Dr. Asma Al Btoush-Jordan



**Boehringer
 Ingelheim**

S02

15:30-16:00

2nd generation anti-TNF

Dr. Mohamed Mahmoud El-Wakd-Egypt





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OPENING CEREMONY

16:30-17:30

Hall A - Grand Ballroom

Master of the Ceremony

Dr. Ola Hijjawi-Jordan

Dr. Sima Abu Al-Saoud-Palestine

- 16:30-16:35 Royal Anthem
- 16:35-16:40 Recital from the Holy Quran
- 16:40-16:45 Address of the Chairman of the Scientific Committee
Dr. Mohammad Abu Jbarah
- 16:45-16:50 Address of the President of the Palestinian Rheumatology Society and President of the 3rd Palestinian Rheumatology Congress
Dr. Riyadh Eid-Palestine
- 16:50-16:55 Address of the President of the JSR, 8th Jordanian Rheumatology Congress & 4th Levant Rheumatology Summit
Dr. Wafa Madanat-Jordan
- 16:55-17:00 Address of the ArLAR President
Dr. Nizar Abdulateef-Iraq
- 17:00-17:05 Address of the Jordan Medical Association President
Dr. Issa Khashashneh
- 17:05-17:10 Address of the Minister of Health, Congress Patron
His Excellency **Dr. Ibrahim Bdour**
- 17:00-17:20 **MEMORIAL LECTURE**
Prof. Kamel Ajlouni-Jordan
President of the National Center for Diabetes, Endocrinology & Genetics in Jordan

Exhibition Area

17:30-18:00 Coffee Break

"Networking and Poster Viewing"



Session 2

Hall A - Grand Ballroom

Crossroads in Systemic Rheumatology: Complexities, Challenges & Clues

Chairpersons **Dr. Badie Alsaleh-Jordan** **Dr. Anas Muhanna-Palestine**
Dr. Wafa Batha-Syria **Dr. Aryan Jalal-Iraq**

L01

18:00-18:20

IgG4-Related Disease in the Real World: A Rheumatology Clinic Perspective

Dr. Nizar Abdulateef-Iraq

L02

18:20-18:40

LVV with focus on Takayasu – management update

Dr. Mahdi Abu Salamah-Palestine

L03

18:40-19:00

Secondary Adrenal Insufficiency following Corticosteroids Therapy in Rheumatic Diseases

Dr. Kasser Aldaow-Syria

L04

19:00-19:20

Rheumatologists and Autoimmune Reproductive Failure

Dr. Jamal Steitieh -Jordan

19:20-19:30 Q&A

S03

19:30-20:00

From Disease Control to Patient-Centered Outcomes: The Cosentyx Perspective in AS

Dr. Nelly Ziade-Lebanon



20:00 DINNER



8:00 REGISTRATION

Session 3

Hall A - Grand Ballroom

Pediatric Rheumatology Session

Chairpersons **Dr. Alaa Al Heresh-Jordan** **Dr. Shadi Daoud-Jordan**
Dr. Haya Hourani-Jordan **Dr. Anas Darawsheh-Jordan**

L05

09:00-09:20

MASkED Danger: Timely Recognition and Management of Macrophage Activation Syndrome

Dr. Sima Abu Al- Saoud-Palestine

L06

09:20-09:40

Monogenic Systemic Lupus Syndrome in Children: Case series from Pediatric Rheumatology Division at Queen Rania Children's Hospital

Dr. Raed Alzyoud-Jordan

L07

09:40-10:00

Understanding PFAPA Syndrome in Palestine: a retrospective cohort analysis of epidemiological and clinical data

Dr. Fawzy Mazen Abunejma Al Tamimi-Palestine

L08

10:00-10:20

Practical Approach to Periodic Fever Syndromes

Dr. Mohammed Abu-Shukair-Jordan

L09

10:20-10:40

Biological Agents Switching in Pediatric Rheumatology, Insights from a Single Center Experience

Dr. Motasem Alsuweiti-Jordan

10:40-11:00

Q&A

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

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Exhibition Area

Session 4

Hall A - Grand Ballroom

Connective Tissue Diseases

Chairpersons **Dr. Khaldoun Alawneh-Jordan**
Dr. Osama Khataybeh-Jordan **Dr. Walaa Rababah-Jordan**

L010

11:30-11:50
 SLE Mortality in a Homogeneous Arab Cohort
Dr. Marwan Adwan-Jordan

L011

11:50-12:10
 Is Antimalarial Use Associated with a Reduced Risk of Lupus Nephritis in SLE? Results from an Inception Cohort- Based Study
Dr. Fadi Kharouf -Palestine

L012

12:10-12:30
 Obinutuzumab in lupus!
Dr. Hadi Rabee-Palestine

L013

12:30-12:50
 CAR T-cell: A New Mode of Therapy for Autoimmune Rheumatic Diseases
Dr. Kamel Mroueh-Lebanon

12:50-13:00 Discussion

Breakout Room 1

12:00-14:00 ArLAR Board of Directors Meeting

13:00-14:00 Lunch

DAY TWO

Thursday
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Session 5

Hall A - Grand Ballroom

Connective Tissue Diseases & Autoimmunity

Chairpersons **Dr. Jeries Daoud-Jordan** **Dr. Adnan Badran-Palestine**
Dr. Souhail Aloui-Tunisia **Dr. Jafar Shiyab-Jordan**

L014

14:00-14:20

From Autoimmunity to Primary Immunodeficiency: Ten Overlooked Case Scenarios Highlighting Diagnostic Challenges

Dr. Adel Wahadneh-Jordan

L015

14:20-14:40

Stem Cells for Autoimmune Disorders

Dr. Majed Aboud-Syria

L016

14:40-15:00

From Cohorts to Care: Tracking Two Decades of Scleroderma Characteristics and ILD Management in Jordan

Dr. Fatima Alnaimat-Jordan

L017

15:00-15:20

Myositis-associated ILD

Dr. Suhad Al Qurashi-Jordan

L018

15:20-15:40

Management of Interstitial Lung Disease in Rheumatic Diseases

Dr. Saed Atawnah-Palestine

15:40-16:00 Discussion

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

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Session 6

Hall A - Grand Ballroom

Metabolic Bone Disease and Spondyloarthropathies

Chairpersons **Dr. Nelly Ziade-Lebanon** **Dr. Nael Abdelkarim-Palestine**
Dr. Ola Hijjawi-Jordan

L019

16:30-16:50

Update on Anabolic Agents Indication for Osteoporosis

Dr. Basel Masri-Jordan

L020

16:50-17:10

Inflammatory Bone Disease

Dr. Isam Alhindi-Palestine

L021

17:10-17:30

Diagnostic Delay in Axial Spondyloarthritis

Dr. Laith Alameh-Palestine

L022

17:30-17:50

Psoriatic Dactylitis: The Association with HLA Genetic Susceptibility Markers

Dr. Fadi Kharouf -Palestine

17:50-18:10 Discussion

S04

18:10-18:40

Psoriatic Arthritis Uncovered: Optimizing Outcomes with Secukinumab

Dr. Basel Masri-Jordan



S05

18:40-19:10

IBD and spondylarthropathy

Dr. Awni Abu Snaineh-Jordan



20:30-22:30 **Congress Dinner** (By Invitation)



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09:30-11:00

Hall B - Breakout Room

Approach to Rheumatic Patients & Lab Tests for Non-Rheumatologists

Coordinators **Dr. Basem Kamel-Jordan**
Dr. Marwan Ziadi-Jordan
Dr. Mohamad Abu Jbarah-Jordan

09:30-10:00 Clinical Rheumatology History Taking
Dr. Marwan Zaidi-Jordan

10:00-10:30 Hand Examination
Dr. Mohamad Abu Jbarah-Jordan

10:30-11:00 Interpretation of Rheumatology Laboratory Results
Dr. Basem Kamel-Jordan

11:30-13:00

Hall B - Breakout Room

Nursing Workshop

Coordinators **Dr. Mohammad Khazaleh-Jordan**
Dr. Moath Alawneh-Jordan
Nurse Mohammad Abadi-Jordan

11:30-12:00 Approach to Patients with Ankylosing Spondylitis
Dr. Moath Alawneh-Jordan

12:00-12:30 Approach to Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis
Dr. Mohammad Khazaaleh-Jordan

12:30-13:00 The Role of Rheumatology Nurse in Biological Treatment
Nurse Mohammad Abadi-Jordan





15:00-17:00

Hall B - Breakout Room

**Imaging Workshop
 (MRI & Ultrasound)**

Coordinators **Dr. Jamil Shawagfeh-Jordan**
Dr. Mahdi Abusalameh-Palestine

15:00-16:00

MRI Sacroiliac Joints
Dr. Jamil Shawagfeh-Jordan

16:00-17:00

Hand Ultrasound
Dr. Mahdi Abusalameh-Palestine

18.00-19:00

Hall B - Tarfah Breakout Room

**Arab Journal of Rheumatology: Achievements and Challenges
 Round Table**

Coordinators **Dr. Nizar Abdulateef-Iraq**
Dr. Wafa Madanat-Jordan

Dr. Layla Kazkaz-Syria
Editor-in-Chief | AJR



8:00 REGISTRATION

Session 7

Hall A - Grand Ballroom

Rheumatoid Arthritis, Sjogren's Syndrome

Chairpersons **Dr. Marzouq Kheir-Jordan** **Dr. Manal Rakaawi-Algeria**
Dr. Ayman Abu-Hilal-Palestine **Dr. Juman Shmaileh-Jordan**

L023

08:30-08:50

Updates on Early Rheumatoid Arthritis

Dr. Musa Hadidi-Jordan

L024

08:50-09:10

The Influence of Environmental and Genetic Factors on the Development of Rheumatoid Arthritis: A Literature Review

Dr. Mohammad Adawi-Palestine

L025

09:10-09:30

Sjogren's Syndrome: A review of recent advances in diagnosis and therapy

Dr. Sufian Rifaei-Jordan

L026

09:30-09:50

Neuroinflammation and Immunological Aspect of Fibromyalgia

Dr. Jessica Nicolas-Lebanon

09:50-10:00

Discussion

S06

10:00-10:30

Surgical treatment of Hidradenitis Suppurativa

Dr. Laith Akkash-Jordan



Exhibition Area

10:30-11:00

Coffee Break

"Networking and Poster Viewing"



Session 8

Hall A - Grand Ballroom

Behçet's Disease, Bone Scintigraphy

Chairpersons **Dr. Basem Kamel-Jordan** **Dr. Riad Eid-Palestine**
Dr. Hani Shatnawi-Jordan

L027

11:00-11:20

Behçet's Disease: A Diagnostic Challenge in Rheumatology
Dr. Wafa Madanat-Jordan

L028

11:20-11:40

Behçet's Disease Causing Pulmonary Artery Aneurysm: Review of Management
Dr. Muaath Itmaizeh-Palestine

L029

11:40-11:50

Bone Scintigraphy as a Sensitive Tool for Early Detection of Psoriatic Arthropathy
Dr. Louai Al-Qatawneh-Jordan

S07

11:50-12:10

Advancing Weight Management with Semaglutide 2.4 mg
Dr. Faris Haddad-Jordan



12:10-12:20 Discussion

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Wafa Madanat-Jordan
Dr. Riad Eid-Palestine

Exhibition Area

12:30-14:00 Friday Prayer and Lunch



POSTERS SESSION



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P01

Sensitivity of Musculoskeletal Ultrasound in Assessing Metacarpophalangeal Joints in Rheumatoid Arthritis and Measure of decline in power Doppler Area Following Short Course Low Dose Steroid

Osama Khataybeh, Shadi Dawood, Marwan Zayade, Anas Darawsheh, Albara Zboun, Rabba Rababah, Hozayfah Bani Saleh, Tareq Amoor Jordan

P02

Global Disparities in the Treatment Autoimmune Rheumatological Diseases in Different Regions of the World: Analysis of Results from the International COVAD-2 Study

Nelly Ziade^{1,2} Ihsane Hmamouchi³ Marc Moussallem⁴ Bendy Salameh⁵ Praggya Yaadav⁶ Elena Nikiphorou^{7,8} Ioannis Parodis^{9,10} Ashima Makol¹¹ Tsvetlina Velikova¹² Marcin Milchert¹³ Jessica Day^{14,15,16} Rohit Aggarwal¹⁷ Vikas Agarwal¹⁸ Latika Gupta^{19,20} On behalf of the CoVAD study group Lebanon

P03

Determinants of residual pain in patients with autoimmune rheumatic diseases in remission: a latent class analysis from the COVAD global survey

Ihsane Hmamouchi (1) Nelly Ziade (2,3) Bendy Salameh (4) Marc Moussallem (5) Esha Kadam (6) Ai Lyn Tan (7,8) Johannes Knitza (9,10) Dzifa Dey (11) Sreoshy Saha (12) Oliver Distler (13) Abraham Edgar Gracia-Ramos (14) Rohit Aggarwal (15) Vikas Agarwal (16) Latika Gupta (17,18) Lebanon



P04

Global Distribution and Determinants of Diagnostic Delay Across Diverse Spondyloarthritis Entities: Data from the International ASAS-Perspa Study

*Nelly Ziade, Sherif Gamal, Maroun Aoun, Ihsane Hmamouchi, Clementina Lopez-Medina, Maxime Dougados, Bassel Elzorkany
Lebanon*

P05

Is The Diagnostic Delay Getting Shorter With Time For Patients With Spondyloarthritis? Data From The International ASAS-PerSpA Study

*Nelly Ziade, Ihsane Hmamouchi, Clementina Lopez-Medina, Maroun Aoun, Sherif Gamal, Maxime Dougados, Bassel Elzorkany
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P06

Patient and Physician Global Assessment of Psoriatic Arthritis Appear More in Agreement in Arab Countries than Previously Reported Elsewhere – An International Study under the Aegis of ArLAR

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P07

Timely Referral of Patients with Inflammatory Rheumatic Diseases to Rheumatology: Validation of a Referral Algorithm with Frontline Physicians

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 Lebanon*

P08

Can a Multinational Awareness Campaign Alter Referral Trends and Reduce Diagnostic Delays in Patients with Chronic Inflammatory Rheumatic Diseases? The Impact of a Prospective Interventional Study

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P09

From Coated to Compressed: Does Tablet Formulation Alter Colchicine's Clinical Impact?

*Israa Sharabati ^{1, 2}, Ruaa M Qafesha ⁵, Mohammed Nabih Bashir ⁴, Ahmad H Elmasry⁶, Zeinab Raed Alnatsheh ³, Omar Islam Tawil ¹, Sima Abu Alsaoud ²
 Palestine*



P10

Clinical Characteristics and Treatment Patterns of Behçet's Disease in Syrian Patients: A One-Year Observational Study

Wasim Zakaria

Syria

P11

One-Year Observational Study of Behçet's Disease in Syrian Patients: Insights into Diagnosis and Management

Wasim Zakaria

Syria

P12

Long-term use of Proton pump inhibitors and the risk of osteoporosis

Mu'taz Massad¹, Mais Alqoudah³, Zain aldeen Saleh², Younis Hizzani², Hazim Alkousheh², Layth Saleh², Layan Alsbeehat², Hanin Ja'afreh², Marah Jaber², Dina Owiesat², Laith Khalaf², Zaid Sallam², Lna Al-Qutifan², Zain Al-adaileh²

Jordan

P13

Assessing the patterns of prescribing of Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory drugs in one of the District hospitals in Jordan with focus on clinical safety and monitoring aspects

DR Sufian M. Rifaei, DR Aroub K Al-Zboon

Jordan

P14

Public Awareness of Corticosteroid Use and Side Effects: a Cross-Sectional Study from Jordan

Sufian Rifaei, Shahd Etoom, Aroob Al Zboon, Dr Mohammad Al Jaraideh, Dr Suzan Hanandeh

Jordan

P15

Co-occurrence of Griscelli Syndrome Type 2 and Systemic Juvenile idiopathic arthritis in a Pediatric Patient: A Case Report

Ali Falah

Iraq

P16

Efficacy and Safety of Tocilizumab Biosimilars Versus the Originator for Rheumatoid Arthritis: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials

Mus'ab Theeb Mustafa1, Aws Khalid Abushanab1, Ahmad Yousef Alazzam1, Mahmoud Taysir Mousa1, Farah Qandeel1, Ala'a Azab1, Reema Al-Halhoul1, Reem Nassar1, Ghayda'a Nemer1, Jafar Alsheyab1

Jordan