

Strengthening science and the specialty of Allergy and Immunology: the AAAI legacy for the future

Fortalecendo a ciência e a especialidade de Alergia e Imunologia: o legado dos AAAI para o futuro

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As my term as Chair of the Brazilian Association of Allergy and Immunology (ASBAI) concludes, we are very pleased to highlight the relevance of the journal *Arquivos de Asma, Alergia e Imunologia* (AAAI) as an important tool in the dissemination of high-quality science and promotion of our specialty.

As the official publication of ASBAI and the Latin American Society of Asthma, Allergy, and Immunology, AAAI has received contributions from researchers not only from Brazil but also from other countries, further expanding its impact and scope. Over these 2 years, AAAI has become a cornerstone for expanding access to the latest knowledge, contributing to the improvement of clinical practice and the advancement of research in the field.

We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who has contributed to this successful trajectory over the past term. We are grateful to the authors for sharing their research and clinical insights, to the reviewers for their diligent work in ensuring scientific excellence, and to the scientific departments and committees for the development of guidelines that are essential for the practice of our specialty. We are particularly grateful to the Editor-in-Chief,

Dr. Pedro Bianchi, whose commitment was pivotal in achieving the indexing of AAAI in several scientific databases, a milestone that has already increased the journal's visibility and credibility. We remain dedicated to pursuing further indexing opportunities and strengthening the journal's relevance within the scientific community.

In this final issue of 2023-2024, we are pleased to share high-impact contributions that reflect the diversity and quality of Allergy and Immunology research conducted in our country. The three articles on "Starting an Allergy and Immunology Practice" offer a practical and detailed guide, beginning with office organization (Part 1), progressing through the implementation of Standard Operating Procedures (Part 2), and concluding with the basic concepts of compliance with the GDPR (Part 3). This collection is an indispensable resource for professionals aiming to structure a modern, efficient practice that adheres to current legal regulations.¹⁻³

Among the review articles, we highlight a study on type 2 inflammatory diseases, which explores the safety profile of biologics during pregnancy, a critical issue for clinical practice.⁴

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Among the original articles, we highlight a study on the prevalence of anaphylaxis in patients with allergic diseases in the state of São Paulo, which provides relevant data obtained via an online questionnaire, offering a new research tool and an updated perspective on the frequency of this condition in a specific population, and a study on sensitization to contact allergens in Brazil, which underscores the need for continuous monitoring of these factors in our population.^{5,6}

Finally, we reaffirm our commitment to promoting high-quality science and thank everyone who, directly or indirectly, has contributed to the progress achieved. May we continue our collaborative efforts to strengthen our specialty and expand the horizons of knowledge.

With best wishes for much success, achievement, and advancement in our specialty to the incoming Chair, Dr. Fátima Rodrigues Fernandes, and the ASBAI Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 term.

We extend our gratitude and best wishes for success to all of you.

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