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We have interesting articles in this issue including an invited review, research papers and interesting case reports for you. In the series on invited reviews by international experts, Drs McDonnell and Lordan, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK, give us an insight about the management of lung transplantation by discussing immunosuppressive treatment alternatives. The paper by Dr. Ulutaş and colleagues from Uşak, Turkey, is presenting their interesting findings on toll-like receptor 2 expression and CD4+/CD8+ T cell ratio in chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases (COPD). In addition, there are interesting research papers on the mortality among COPD patients receiving domiciliary non-invasive mechanical ventilation (NIMV) therapy, the relationship between pulmonary angiography, right ventricular dysfunction and pulmonary embolism, the role of peer education in smoking cessation, and the etiology of recurrent pneumonia and chronic stridor in infants.

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