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The final issue of **European Eye Research** for 2025 arrives at a time when ophthalmology continues to evolve through innovation, interdisciplinarity, and refined imaging science. This December issue exemplifies transformation—bringing together investigations that bridge basic science and clinical applicability across a wide spectrum of ocular disease.

The opening article by **Toprak et al.** explores the intricate interplay between neurodegeneration and visual pathway integrity in **multiple sclerosis**, using high-resolution spectral-domain and enhanced-depth optical coherence tomography. It is a reminder that the retina remains a uniquely accessible window to the brain.

Equally thought-provoking is the study by **Dogan and colleagues**, who examined the effects of oral paracetamol on anterior-segment metrics and intraocular pressure. At first glance, a pharmacologic curiosity, the work prompts clinicians to revisit how widely used systemic medications might subtly influence ocular physiology. The theme of systemic–ocular intersection continues in **Ekinci and Caglayan's** cohort on uveitis associated with juvenile idiopathic arthritis, where the authors provide valuable real-world data on immunosuppressive outcomes—balancing therapeutic efficacy with long-term safety in a pediatric population.

The issue also turns our attention to the ocular surface, a realm of constant discovery. **Candan et al.** evaluate systemic inflammatory markers in pterygium surgery candidates, adding nuance to our understanding of lymphocyte-mediated processes, while **Cay and co-authors** introduce a fascinating experimental model assessing **epigallocatechin gallate, resveratrol, and autologous serum** in alkaline eye injury. These investigations collectively highlight the growing interest in antioxidant and regenerative pathways in surface disease management.

A bibliometric exploration by **Kocamis and Kesimal** maps global trends in **amniotic membrane transplantation**, tracing how this once niche therapy has matured into a cornerstone of ocular surface reconstruction. In another data-driven contribution, **Ceylan and Akbaş** compare the accuracy of patient-information responses generated by three large-language models—a timely reflection on **artificial intelligence** within patient counseling.

Advances in retinal imaging continue through **Guzel et al.**, who document microstructural effects of repeated anti-VEGF therapy on the corneal nerve plexus in wet-AMD, and **Bolac and colleagues**, who reveal lamina cribrosa alterations in schizophrenia—a novel window into neuro-psychiatric ocular correlations. The study by **Bezci Aygun et al.** further reminds us of the surgical dimension, examining how prior intravitreal injection experience modulates posterior-capsule rupture risk during cataract surgery, a highly practical concern for every anterior-segment surgeon.

The diversity of original work extends to public health and epidemiologic perspectives. **Adegbhingbe et al.** provide insight into the **pattern of childhood eye diseases** in southwestern Nigeria, emphasizing global disparities and the continued necessity of community-based preventive ophthalmology. Similarly, **Torun and Baysal's** six-month evaluation of **latanoprostene bunod 0.024%** offers real-world evidence supporting the sustained intraocular-pressure-lowering efficacy of newer nitric-oxide-donating prostaglandin analogues.

Among the experimental and histopathologic reports, **Şahin et al.** present a detailed microscopic analysis of excised pterygium tissues, revealing fibrovascular and inflammatory signatures that may guide adjunctive therapies.

Complementing these original investigations, the **review article “Advances in the Management and Therapy of Dry Eye Disease: Insights from TFOS DEWS III,”** authored by **Memis et al.**, synthesizes the latest consensus and therapeutic algorithms derived from the TFOS DEWS III report. Their comprehensive discussion, bridging ocular-surface biology and evolving treatment paradigms—from tear-film modulators to neurosensory approaches—will undoubtedly serve as a reference for clinicians navigating the multifactorial landscape of dry-eye management.

And another review entitled *“Ocular Surface Implications of Upper and Lower Blepharoplasty: A DEWS III–Guided Review of Mechanisms, Risks, and Management Strategies”* by **Comez**, offers a timely synthesis linking periocular aesthetics with ocular-surface physiology. Drawing upon TFOS DEWS III principles, the author contextualizes how surgical manipulation of eyelid anatomy may influence tear-film dynamics, blink mechanics, and meibomian gland function by bridging oculoplastic surgery and ocular-surface medicine.

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