

## EDITORIAL

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Dear Our Colleagues, Our Esteemed Readers,

We present the first issue of the year. As stated in the previous issue, we will publish 4 issues in 2017. Hereby, we will introduce more research articles. This issue includes a total of 10 studies, including 5 original research articles, 2 reviews, and 3 case reports.

As an international electronic journal, we updated our drafts for the implementation of editorial procedures and ethical policies in accordance with the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE), Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE), World Association of Medical Editors (WAME), European Association of Science Editors (EASE), Council of Science Editors (CSE), and the guidelines of similar international organizations. Because the articles' being scientific and of high quality and their citation rates are important, it is essential to reach the articles to many researchers working in national and international areas. Therefore, we attained the goal of international accessibility by adding the article format in English as of April 2015 despite our plans on the publication of the journal in Turkish. Moreover, we have increased our scientific strength with the joining of new editor assistants and colleagues this year. I would like to take this occasion to welcome them.

Reminding once more that our journal is indexed by the Web of Science and our national database TUBITAK ULAKBIM Turkish Medical Index, I would like to express my thanks to our university, editorial board, and publisher.

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