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Farewell Message from the Editor-in-Chief



This will be the last issue of Journal of Experimental and Clinical Medicine (JECM) under my editorship. It has been a great pleasure and honour for me to have edited 53 issues (12 volumes) between 2009 and 2021.

As a newly appointed editor-in-chief, I focused the scope of the journal on experimental and clinical medicine, quickly preparing number of special issues from different medical disciplines so that the journal would attract a broad readership and authors. We published five special issues in the JECM in a very few years. We not only changed the name of the journal to “Journal of Experimental and Clinical Medicine,” but also published it in English to attract a wider readership.

As the publishing team of this highly respected journal, we transformed it from a local publication to an international, scientific journal. From the very beginning of my editorship, the journal achieved international standards, was included in respected indexes and acquired a significant impact factor. The journal has been indexed in several prominent databases over the last decade. In that context, I wish to express my profound gratitude to the deans of the Medical Faculty, Prof. Haydar Sahinoglu, Prof. Ayhan Dağdemir and Prof. Cengiz Çokluk, and to the rectors, namely Prof. Hüseyin Akan, Prof. Sait Bilgiç and Prof. Yavuz Ünal, who gave me their full confidence and support as editor of the JECM.

During my editorship, we applied to Web of Science and PubMed for inclusion in their index system, but that application failed due to low numbers of citations and for other technical reasons. I believe that sustainable processes on the journal issues would contribute solving those issues and the journal would reach to deserve level.

Publishing a scientific journal is a very fruitful and complex activity. I would like to thank the editorial board for their patience in my first editorial experience and for their support for the journal, as well as for their friendship. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to my editorial teams, Dr. Kıymet Kübra Yurt, Dr. Işınsu Alkan, Dr. Elfide Gizem Kıvrak, Dr. Erkan Erener, Arife Ahsen Kaplan, Adem Kocaman, Burcu Delibaş, Gamze Altun, Sümeyye Gümüş and others. These have given freely and unreservedly of their working time and have always prioritized journal issues.

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Without the authors of manuscripts and the reviewers, the journal would be unable to survive in the scientific world. It is thanks to their enormous contributions that the journal is able to appear on time.

I also have a very diligent volunteer team responsible for editing each accepted manuscript. This special team consists of my students, secretaries and publisher (the staff of HT Matbaa) who have invested much time and effort in facilitating the work of the editorial committee.

I wish the incoming editorial team on the JECM every success for the future, and believe new editorial teams will further enhance the quality of the journal.

It has been an honour and privilege to serve as editor-in-chief of the JECM, and one that I will never forget. So while I am sad to depart, I am also excited for the future.

My thanks and best wishes to you all.

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Professor Süleyman Kaplan, PhD

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