

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear readers of Acta Orthopaedica et Traumatologica Turcica,

We are glad to present the second issue of this year. After an intensive preparation period, your journal AOTT was introduced to you with a new face at the beginning of the year. We are pleased to receive your affirmative feedbacks concerning both the visual appearance of the journal and our new section, the Orthopaedics Forum.

The fact that submissions in the number of original studies have been on a marked increase makes us happy. However, the large number of submissions also increase the workload of our reviewers, sometimes requiring three or four reviewers to deal with a single manuscript for weeks. In addition, discrepant opinions of the reviewers sometimes lead the editorial team to a perplexing situation, which usually necessitates to ask for additional comments. These inevitably extend the duration of the evaluation process of the manuscripts. To lighten the workload of our reviewers, we opt for to return some studies back to authors, that are out of, or marginally within, the scope of the journal or case reports apparently lacking scientific relevance. Nonetheless, I would like to remind you that both experimental studies and phase 1-2 studies have obvious priority over other manuscripts in the evaluation and publication processes.

It is of utmost importance for both our journal and our country to cite previously published studies in our journal or in other SCI-E journals of our country when you incorporate relevant literature data into your manuscripts. I have full confidence that you will take this matter into consideration when preparing your manuscripts.

For our Orthopaedics Forum pages, we await your views, suggestions, and articles. You can directly contact with our section editor Mr. Haluk Berk, MD, for contribution.

Your comments and suggestions are important for us.

Yours respectfully,

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