

## From the Editors

Dear readers,

We are greeting you with the last issue of 2016. We are happy to announce that Turkish Journal of Public Health joined to the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) in 2016. COPE was established in 1997 by a journal editors in the UK and now has over 10 000 members worldwide. Membership is open to editors of academic journals and others interested in publication ethics. COPE aims to define best practice in the ethics of scholarly publishing and to assist editors, editorial board members, owners of journals and publishers to achieve this. COPE members are expected to follow the Code of Conduct which provides a set of minimum standards for good publication practice.

COPE will support TJPH work in promoting publication ethics and providing advice for editors. COPE have collaborated with the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), the Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (OASPA), and the World Association of Medical Editors (WAME).

TJPH considers the professional conduct the values and ethical principles in research and publication. With this membership TJPH declares intends to follow the highest standards of publication ethics. It should be stressed that ethics should be considered as a subject that has no clear end boundaries and requires interactions, multidisciplinary, national and international co-operation, consultations and participation. TJPH aimed to improve its capacity and ability to contribute to public health researchers and practitioners to prevent and promote health of the population by taking into account ethical values.

We hope you enjoy December issue of our Journal with 4 original articles, 2 reports, 1 notes from the field and one letter to the Editor. We would like to thank all authors and reviewers who contributed to the new issue.

Happy new year.

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