



Change and Development

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Established within the Faculty of Medicine, Inonu University, *Journal of Turgut Ozal Medical Centre* is a noteworthy medical journal that has been publishing original articles and case reports for almost 20 years. As a quarterly journal published on a regular basis, our journal has come along way since it was first launched thanks to the intensive efforts of many people behind the scenes.

As is the case in all institutions, our journal has experienced a recent administrative change. About four months ago, I was appointed as the chief editor of the *Journal of Turgut Ozal Medical Centre*. As the new editor-in-chief, it is my privilege to inform our readers about what we have done so far since my appointment to the post and our plans for the near future.

I'd like to start my address by thanking Dr. Ahmet Karadağ, who has provided invaluable contributions to our journal as the Editor-in-chief for two years, as well as Dr. Derya Doğan and Dr. Ergül Alçin, two conscientious editors of our journal, who also decided to vacate their posts as editors after the publication of our previous issue. It is due to their efforts that our journal has reached this point. Thanks to their contributions, our journal now uses an exclusive online article submission and reviewing system; this has, indeed, speeded up the submission process while also reducing the workload significantly. In addition to our new international Advisory Board, our journal is now printed in full colour printing with a new design. The previous efforts put into the journal increases our responsibilities while they also motivate us. In this regard, we believe that we should continue following the established goals.

Another significant change our journal has brought in is publishing the studies in English. Starting from late 2013, every single article or case report accepted for publication has been translated into English by a professional translator, as it was the case in last four issues. We are willing to continue publishing a fully English journal by getting these studies translated until the number of submissions written in English increases and as long as this is practicable.

Along with the administrative changes, we have also strengthened our editorial staff with editors from different areas. In this way, we hope to further shorten the evaluation period. Again, in line with our journal's objectives and previous agreements with various institutions, we have renewed journal's memberships to relevant organisations and were still able to publish this issue in time.

Our next most important objective is to improve the quality and diversity of articles our journal publishes. To become a truly international journal, there is need to have quality submissions from outside Turkey. This can be achieved by improving the accessibility of the journal while also securing a place for it among recognised publications of our field. To this end, we have applied to and received acceptance from ULAKBİM DergiPark online system, which is established within TUBITAK, and we were able to publish our previous issue on this database. Meanwhile, we have also applied to ScopeMed, an international online journal management system. I am happy to announce that our submission to ScopeMed has also been accepted and we will hopefully be able to use this online system starting from our next issue.

In order to improve the quality of our publications, we are planning to take the necessary steps to place our journal in PubMed and other internationally recognised indexes. To achieve this, our journal needs to be cited more. This is where we need the valued support of our readers. It is of great importance for us if you could kindly refer to the articles in our journal in your submissions to especially international publications.

We are aware of the fact that the main purpose of publishing a journal is to contribute to scientific knowledge and, for this purpose; we are trying to do our part by publishing *Journal of Turgut Ozal Medical Centre*. In order to add to the quality of our journal and continue publishing noteworthy studies with scientific value, I would like to mention that we are always open to your worthy criticism. I sincerely believe that you will provide us with invaluable contribution to achieve our goals.

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