

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Acta Orthopaedica et Traumatologica Turcica readers,

We are pleased to present you the fourth issue of 2012.

As the summer is about to end and we start a new work schedule, I would like to address an important issue.

Along with a continuously increasing number of scientific studies in the literature comes the issue of ethical violations. In spite of the protective measures taken by the editors of several science journals, it is still not possible to completely eliminate these violations.

The Editorial Board of the AOTT journal has recently accepted the guidelines of the Committee on Publication Ethics (www.publicationethics.org) as their principle in the actions to be taken against unethical behavior.

In addition, a new computer program is now utilized to scan the submissions to AOTT in order to determine the rate of the quoted text, as would fall under the responsibilities of an international publication. Should the rate exceed a specific percentage or a citation made without a reference, the articles are dismissed for publishing and questioned.

Despite these measures, as in the rest of the world, ethical violations may go unseen and later present with unprecedented consequences. I would like to assure you that your remarks regarding these cases will be taken seriously and followed with scrutiny.

I wish you all a great work period and pay my respects,

Mehmet Demirhan, Prof., MD

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