

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Acta Orthopaedica et Traumatologica Turcica readers,

We are pleased to present you with the 4th issue of 2014. As you are all aware of, the most important event in this period was Thomson Reuter's publication of the 2014 Journal Citation Report (JCR), listing impact factors of journals and other performance statistics. AOTT ranked 17th among the 49 Turkish journals listed this year and had an impact factor of 0.554. We are delighted to have almost doubled our previous impact factor of 0.334. When we appeared for the first time in the JCR with the 4th issue of 2012, we published a critical article in our yellow pages about the use of impact factor with the title "Impact factor: What it tells us and problems in practice". Today, we still find instances of journals citing themselves and including this in the formulation of the impact factor, thus allowing for manipulation. In recent years, Thompson Reuters has included a new and extensive measurement and assessment tool within JCR: the *Eigenfactor*. While it is still not widely followed, this factor is a far more valuable assessment tool with its complex algorithm that avoids exploitation. When the *Eigenfactor* was taken into account, AOTT ranked 5th among the journals from Turkey. I am confident that this topic will be discussed much more in the future. My purpose is to occasionally share recent updates with our esteemed readers.

You will notice several articles from foreign authors in this issue. In addition, we are presenting a Letter to The Editor and its reply by foreign authors about an article previously published in our journal. I believe this marks the recognition of our journal by a widespread community around the globe.

As we are nearing the end of summer season, our journal continues to receive domestic and foreign article submissions. This pleasing occurrence is also an indicator of your faith in our journal. The Editorial Board thrives to respond to the authors as fast and best as we can. The *Editorial Manager* software is of great support to us in this effort. I would like to thank you, our notable readers once again for your support and extend my best regards.

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