

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Acta Orthopaedica et Traumatologica Turcica readers,

We are pleased to present you with the 6th issue of our journal. We are of the opinion that 2014 has been a successful year for our journal. Throughout 2014, 487 studies have been submitted to our journal, of which 37% was foreign submission, with China and South Korea taking the first two places. In addition, a considerable number of articles from the US and Europe have also been submitted to us. With its increasing international recognition every passing year, a thorough editorial review and prudent attitude in publishing noteworthy articles being referenced by others remain as AOTT's main characteristic.

We earlier shared with you the impact factor of 0.554 for our journal as published by the Journal Citation Report last year. It is a fact that impact factor is a measurement tool that can easily be manipulated. That is why Thompson Reuters publishes statistics about journals citing themselves. We would like to draw attention to AOTT's prudence on this matter by sharing some data from the leading journals in the field of Orthopedics and Traumatology. Self-citation percentages of some journals are as follows: 13% for AJSM, 15% for Arthroscopy, 11% for Injury, 15% for International Orthopaedics, 6% for CORR and 3% for JBJS-Am. AOTT has established a principled stand in this matter with a 8% (35 out of 428 citations) self-citation rate. None of our articles or authors are subject to any kind of directive from our reviewers or editors towards influencing the impact factor. AOTT has the minimum rate of self-citation with the highest corrected impact factor among the journals of our field in the whole country.

One of our main goals in the new year is to speed up the editorial review process and make the best of our foreign reviewers in any issue. To achieve this, we will share with you some changes at the editorial level with the first issue. In line with your intensive demands, we are planning to move on to 'online first' and render our articles accessible before publishing. Thus, your accepted articles will receive their DOI numbers earlier.

As you will see, our current issue has more case reports than the usual. Considering the submission dates of case reports waiting to go to press, we intend to primarily publish those nearing a year's time. Although the acceptance rate for case reports is much lower, our goal is to reduce the number of these works accumulated due to our limiting publishing policy. In this issue, you will also find the names of our followers who participated in reviewing processes in 2014. I and our Board of Editors would like to thank them for their much appreciated support. Without them, our journal would never make it to this point.

I hope 2015 will bring all our readers health, joy and success, and extend my best regards.

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Demirhan

AOTT Editor-in-Chief