

## FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Acta Orthopaedica et Traumatologica Turcica readers,

We are pleased to present the 2015 5<sup>th</sup> issue, in which you will find twelve original articles, three experimental studies and three case reports. I have previously written about our work in continuing to raise the standard of material appearing in our journal, and as part of these efforts, as of this current issue, we have introduced the Level of Evidence system for original articles. We have included information on this in the Instructions for Authors section of this issue along with a Level of Evidence chart. As is the case in many other journals, experimental studies and case reports are excluded from these criteria. Henceforth, AOTT will be giving priority to publishing articles with higher level of evidence. Meanwhile, experimental studies continue to be a priority. Apart from their role in contributing to medical science, there is no doubt that high level and experimental studies create benefits for patient health, and with their high citation record are a valuable addition to the reputation of their authors and the journal itself.

As the 25<sup>th</sup> Turkish Orthopedics and Traumatology Congress approaches, we are busy preparing our usual special supplement containing summaries of all the presentations. It will be freely available at the congress and afterwards available permanently in the archives section of the AOTT website. We wish success to Congress President, Yener Temelli and Secretary, Önder Kılıçoğlu and TOTBID President and board of directors involved in the difficult work of preparation for the congress.

This current issue of AOTT appears in the middle of the calendar period, but starting with the coming issue we hope to have it published at the start of the period. As such, we hope to have sufficient time for ahead-of-print publication of accepted material. We are also working on having material accepted by the journal appear as complete text in PubMed (EPub) as quickly as possible.

With the academic year upon us, I wish all our readers and contributors a successful and fruitful time.

Best regards,

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