

I am honored and immensely pleased to be able to announce that the Turkish Journal of Medical Sciences has been selected for coverage in Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), which was one of the most important goals targeted under my editorship. I take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in this long process for their hard work, from the Editorial Board to the contributing authors, reviewers, readers, and most importantly, the journal's editorial staff.

Since assuming the position of Editor-in-Chief, the Journal has undergone a series of changes in order to meet the strict criteria of the prestigious indexes (1). The Turkish Journal of Medical Sciences could not be indexed during previous evaluations, dating back to 1994, due to inadequate evaluation points. We made it our goal to hit the target, and radical changes were made to meet all necessary requirements. This is of course a continuous process, starting from the journal's first establishment, since the journal is a living organism; however, no one could underestimate the effects of the journal's refurbishment during the last year, and the radical changes and developments observed during that period.

I am also pleased to announce that Turk J Med Sci has also just passed the first and most important step of the PUBMED Central Evaluation. The final step is now evaluation of the journal's data, which will take place in the coming few weeks. We are currently preparing documents for this evaluation and I have every confidence that we will be successful at this step as well.

I would like to thank once again TÜBİTAK President, Professor Nüket Yetiş, and Vice-President, Dr Güldal Büyükdamgacı-Alogan, and the Department Head, Mr Mustafa Atakan, for their full support during the establishment process under my editorship. Turk J Med Sci is the fourth journal of TÜBİTAK selected for coverage by SCI. I have no doubt every journal published by TÜBİTAK will also be selected in the near future, since everyone involved in the publication process performs their work with dedication and great enthusiasm.

Again, I extend my sincerest gratitude and congratulations to all the individuals past and present who have made valuable contributions to the Turkish Journal of Medical Sciences. I eagerly look forward to witnessing further advances in the Journal's development in the coming years.

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