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Preface

We are thrilled to announce that the Turkish Journal of Medical Sciences has reached a great milestone by publishing its 50th volume.

Our journal, which was first published under the name of “Doğa Bilim Dergisi”, is now indexed in PubMed (MEDLINE, PMC), WOS, SCI and other sources since 2014, and its impact factor is increasing every year. During 2020, the journal received more than 3000 paper submissions covering various topics, and almost 10% of those submissions were published.

As the Editor-in-Chief of this promising journal, I am deeply grateful to all researchers including the subject editors, peers, and the authors for their excellent work and remarkable contributions over the past years. I am also deeply grateful to our Assistant Editors in Chief Prof. Dr. Murat Kekilli and Prof. Dr. Zehra Sema Özkan for their constant efforts in the review processes.

By publishing high-quality and novel articles in all fields of medicine and related health sciences, the Turkish Journal of Medical Sciences is dedicated to advance the spread of scientific knowledge with respect to general medical sciences. Although 2020 was a hard year for academics, many scientists continue to send their valuable papers to us. It has been challenging to work under the conditions brought by the pandemic outbreak; but our dedicated team showed to all how their hard-work and resolve helped the journal succeed in maintaining the high quality of our publications by publishing a special issue on COVID-19 in the very first months of the pandemic.

The 50th volume of the Turkish Journal of Medical Sciences has important scientific articles in medical field written by researchers from Turkey and other countries. We deeply appreciate all authors for sharing their experiences in their fields of expertise by writing review articles for this special volume. We believe that their contributions will further improve the high scientific standards of our journal. We also would like to thank those who work behind-the-scenes for their enormous help in designing and publishing this volume: Dr. Ayşe Turan, Prof. Dr. Abdurrahman Tufan, Prof. Dr. Murat Kekilli, and Prof. Dr. Zeliha Koçak Tufan . We also would like to thank Prof. Dr. Hakan Akbulut, our previous Editor-in-Chief, for all his efforts to improve our journal, and also his contributions to this special issue.

Finally, we are deeply grateful to Prof. Hasan Mandal, the President of the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, for his contributions to improve the quality of the journal and supporting us to achieve next the milestones.

We hope that the readers will enjoy our 50th volume...

Editor-in-Chief

Mehmet Akif ÖZTÜRK