



THE TURKISH JOURNAL OF GASTROENTEROLOGY

From the Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Inspired by a new editorial board and format, we have started to proceed on our way to do and be better than before. We thank the previous Editor-in-Chief Prof. Dr. Hakan Şentürk ever so much, together with all the other editorial board members, for the magnificent efforts they have put into the Turkish Journal of Gastroenterology (*Turk J Gastroenterol*). This is a kind of relay race in which racers may change; however, the mission should continue in its own way. We have never changed our goals, such as to increase the number of readers of our journal, to get more citations, and to improve our journal's scientific background and our impact factor. Thus, our final mission is to be a more scientific and favorable journal than before. To reach our targets, we are working hard to develop some new plans we want to implement, which I have mentioned in advance in this editorial and will announce more fully in forthcoming issues.

To begin with, we are now changing the organization of our editorial board and are constructing a new structure in which section editors will be responsible for their own subjects such as gastrointestinal tract, liver, endoscopy, pediatric gastroenterology, pancreaticobiliary, biostatistics, basic translational studies and social media. Their responsibilities will be not only to deal with the manuscripts submitted to the *Turk J Gastroenterol* but also to make innovations and find new ways to improve our journal. Together with the section editors, I will be responsible for leading the way for the journal, in close consultation with our editorial board. Additionally, we have made some changes to our editorial board as well. By these changes, we aim to improve the review process and make our publication time shorter than before, and anyone who submits a manuscript to the *Turk J Gastroenterol* will now know the time their manuscript's review process will take.

With the new editorial board organization, we are planning to shorten the average time from submission to first decision.

Another development is to change the arrangement of the *Turk J Gastroenterol* and to arrange original articles by subjects such as the gastrointestinal tract, liver, endoscopy, basic translational studies, and pancreaticobiliary topics. In this way, we want you to be able to find subjects you are interested in more easily in each issue's contents. Additionally, we are planning some new topics for TJG's contents. One of them is a topic named "Quick look to the guidelines," containing summaries of newly published guidelines,

which we think are necessary for good practice in clinical gastroenterology and hepatology. We welcome you if you want to send in such guideline summaries containing no more than 1000 words. Another topic is "Diagnostic Challenges" in which we want to publish interesting cases with endoscopic or radiologic images in the *Turk J Gastroenterol* in a quiz format; you will get the answers later in an electronic format on the website of the journal.

A further improvement will be to the website of the journal, which we want to make more active and attractive for you; one of our editors will improve the website in the near future, as well as manage and maintain the journal's social media pages. We are also planning to create a section on the journal's web page for young researchers to help them make themselves heard by gastroenterology societies where they will discuss problems they encounter in training, make proposals for training programs, publish their research, or look for collaboration with others etc.

One last thing I would like to mention is that we also want to publish studies with negative results if they are highly qualified and well written because we think that, in general, the space allocated for studies with negative results in the literature is limited. It would be more efficient and unbiased if all results were made available to the interested scientific community.

All the things that I have mentioned above cannot be done if you do not become directly involved in these new processes; we are sure that without your contribution it would not be possible to improve the journal. Please read the journal, criticize it, and send your opinions to me as soon as possible. On behalf of our editorial board and the entire *Turk J Gastroenterol* family, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy new year and people all over the world health, peace, and goodness. Finally, we look forward to receiving your highly qualified studies, which we would like to publish in the *Turk J Gastroenterol* in 2017.

Best wishes,

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