## **From the Editor**

Dear Colleagues,

As we come to the end of 2018, I would like to share some up-to-date information regarding the Turkish Journal of Gastroenterology and provide an overview of the year we left behind.

To begin with, Turkish Journal of Gastroenterology will cease print as of January 2019 and become an online-only publication. This environment-friendly decision will also help us cut the overall publication costs of the journal.

International community's interest in the Turkish Journal of Gastroenterology is increasing. During 2018, the Turkish Journal of Gastroenterology received more than 800 submissions, 75% of which was original research articles. The overall acceptance rate was 28% in the same period.

As in 2017, Turkish Journal of Gastroenterology participated in the United European Gastroenterology Week (UEG) in Vienna this year. We have also participated in Digestive Disease Week (DDW) for the first time in 2018 in Washington D.C. and we have already booked our booth for DDW 2019 in San Diego. As we promoted our journal in these meetings to our international colleagues, the ones that already knew the journal had a chance to meet up with our editors.

As you all know, peer-review is in the core of the scholarly publishing. Despite great efforts, our editors occasionally struggle to find specialized reviewers for certain manuscripts. Thus the evaluation processes of some papers may have taken longer than usual. We invite our authors and readers to contribute to the peer review process as reviewers. Please directly contact our editorial office if you are interested.

We would appreciate hearing your thoughts and suggestions regarding the Turkish Journal of Gastroenterology for our future collaborations.

As the Editor-in-Chief of the Turkish Journal of Gastroentereology, I wish you all a happy new year and continued success.

Sincerely,

## Osman Cavit Özdoğan, MD Editor in Chief

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