



# TURKISH JOURNAL OF SURGERY

## Editorial

Dear Colleagues,

With the publication of the December 2018 issue of the Turkish Journal of Surgery, its 34th volume has been completed. In order to enable our journal to be scanned in national and international indices and to be followed by our colleagues from either our country or abroad, we made some decisions 2 years ago and changed the journal format and publishing approach.

Firstly, the journal was started to be published completely in English. Some measures were taken to facilitate the submission process of the manuscripts and to speed up the evaluation process of these studies. Both domestic and international colleagues were contacted and the number of articles submitted to our journal was increased.

As a result of the studies and practices, the journal's being followed on the internet increased 4-fold and significant increases were observed in the flow of manuscripts. Essentially, there have been a significant increase in citation rate of the articles published in our journal.

At this point, our esteemed colleagues have a great share. We urge you to continue to give us the support that you have given so far by sending your clinical and experimental studies to our journal and by referring to the articles published in our journal.

The fact that our journal is being followed and scanned in international indices in the surgical branch and in scientific publishing will be the common success of all of us.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Editorial Board, reviewers, the staff of the association, AVES employees for their contribution to the problem-free and successful publications and to the executive board of the Turkish Association of Surgery for their financial support they provide.

I wish everyone a happy new year with the hope that the future will be more beautiful than the past.

Best regards,

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Editor in Chief