



# THE TURKISH JOURNAL OF GASTROENTEROLOGY

## From the Editor

Dear Colleagues:

As the end of 2017 approaches, I would like to impart some information regarding our achievements in the Turkish Journal of Gastroenterology (Turk J Gastroenterol) with our editorial management.

At the beginning of the year, we started our mission by reorganizing the editorial structure of the journal by establishing Section and Associate Editor duties. We also altered the presentation of issues and further developed our website.

We resumed our acceptance of animal study submissions this year, which, I believe, was one of the most important strategic changes of the year, as animal studies are absolutely essential for the continuation and development of science.

Thus, what we have in our hands at the end of 2017 submission to first decision time to is now 28 days on average. So far, this year we have received more than 700 international submissions, and our acceptance rate is 28%.

The time taken to publish accepted articles ahead of print is now a lot shorter than what it used to be, which has increased the visibility and citation potential of our content. The traffic our website receives is also increasing healthily.

However, the most exciting development of this year was the increase of our impact factor to 0.966. With this increment, Turk J Gastroenterol has moved up to the 72nd spot in the ranking of gastroenterology journals indexed by Web of Science Flagship indices. We hope this rising trend will continue.

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In addition to these developments, we have started publishing Diagnostic Challenges and Quick Look to Guidelines in pursuit of making our content more appealing. Furthermore, we want to encourage the submission and publication of editorials that criticize the journal's own content. Gastroenterology Elsewhere and Covering the Cover papers are also continued since 2016, which cover content published by both our own and other jour-

nals. We are firmly asserting to publish interesting and innovative review papers from well-known experts and continue to invite them to submit their comprehensive reviews to Turk J Gastroenterol.

For the first time, we also intend to participate in the UEG Week in Barcelona. The editorial board members and editorial office staff will be present at the journal's own booth to meet our contributors.

There are a lot of planned but not realized projects that will help us meet our main target of increasing the scientific value of Turk J Gastroenterol.

Lastly, I would like to thank the members of previous and current editorial boards, all our reviewers, and special thanks to our publisher AVES for their magnificent effort and contributions to the Turkish Journal of Gastroenterology.

I am confident that our success will continue in 2018 too.

Sincerely,

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