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## From the Editor

■ We are sorry that the publication of this issue is delayed because of very poor quality of English of accepted articles assigned. The preparation for the August issue is in progress that it will be published until the end of this month. Afterwards, all issues will be online in the relevant month and subscribers will receive the print copy in the same month. We have just started ScholarOne system that we will speed up the review process significantly. We expect that we are going to make the final decision for a submitted article in eight weeks at the latest and publish the accepted studies in the next sixteen weeks. Hence, the whole process from submission to the publication will not be more than 6 months and it would be as short as 4 months. Additionally, all the accepted studies without iThenticate or any other problem resulting with suspended publication (mostly for articles accepted before 2014) will appear in the "Articles in Press" section.

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Please make note that in 2013, the average period from submission to the transmission of the first response to the author was 50 days. In the first half of 2014, we shortened it to 18 days. The average time spent for overall evaluation of an article by associate editors, namely, were: Veysel Tahan: 13 days, Seyfettin Köklü and Şahin Çoban: 19 days, Ahmet Danalıoğlu: 21 days, Ömer Başar: 26 days, and Billur Canbakan: 30 days. I am grateful to them for their perseverance.

A very important notice for prospective authors:  
Please read the "Instruction to the Authors" section very carefully before submitting your paper. You will notice a very recent addition to this section:

**"Author please state:  
What is the existing relevant knowledge in the area of your study?  
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Three lines or less for each."**

Your paper should have been scrutinized, preferentially, by an agency in case at least one of the authors is not a native English speaker, because studies even with minor English problems will be rejected outright.

For case reports, submit original case series. Original isolated reports, should, preferentially be in letter-to-the-editor format. We prefer widely readable clinical studies.

We also start a process of reviewing the exact contribution of the authors to the study and we will not allow gift authorship any more that is prevalent in studies submitted from Turkey. We expect that there will be no more than six author names in an original article unless it is multi-center or that required an extensive labor. Author names should be less in case reports unless it entails a rare disease or condition with a cohort or multi-center. Author names should, preferentially, be three or less in letter-to-the editor. Please make note, **suspicion of gift-authorship in itself, will be a reason for rejection.**

We are envisioning that in 2015, we are going to achieve our best in terms of administrative process. When it comes to the question of the scientific level and readability of the published articles, it is, completely, up to you.

**Hakan Şentürk  
Editor in Chief**