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Esteemed colleagues,

As another 365 pages of the calendar have turned, we have completed our third year in our positions as the second editor and editorial board of the "Mediterranean Journal of Microbes and Infection Antimicrobials" (MJIMA), the official scientific publication of the Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology Speciality Society of Turkey (EKMUD). I would like to take this occasion to once again commemorate our founding editor Prof. Dilek Arman MD.

In this editorial, I wish to update you on news in 2018 for MJIMA (www.mjima.org) as well as make a few additional requests.

In November 2015, Prof. Özlem Kandemir MD, Prof. Yaşar Bayındır MD, Prof. Sedat Kaygusuz MD, Prof. Hasan Uçmak MD, Prof. Ediz Tütüncü MD, Assoc. Prof. Selçuk Kaya MD, and myself took office as the Editorial Board of MJIMA, which is an open-access journal founded with the primary aim of contributing to scientific advancement in the Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology field. Prof. Hasan Uçmak MD left his position in November 2016. This year (2018), we welcomed Prof. İlker Uçkay MD from Switzerland, Prof. Tristan Ferry MD from France, and Pasquale Pagliano MD from Italy.

Accomplishments of the editorial board in the last year can be briefly summarized as follows:

- i) In the last year, **74 articles** were submitted to our journal for evaluation went through the Editorial process.
- ii) Throughout the year we published **38 articles** (17 research articles, 9 reviews, 8 letters to the editor, 2 case report and literature reviews, an editorial, and a memorial tribute to EKMUD founder general secretary Mustafa Aydın Çevik).
- iii) Our acceptance rate was **55% for the 2018 year, with first decisions on articles returned after an average of 41 days and an average time to final decision of 88 days.**

iv) MJIMA was accepted to the UDL-EDGE and Academic Keys indexes in 2018. We applied for inclusion in Scopus, Pubmed Central, and EMBASE. Since the TR Dizin index does not yet include journals with continuous publication, application is not possible.

v) We have added a citation list to the journal's web site, and we update it with each new citation MJIMA receives.

vi) We organized a MJIMA session at the annual EKMUD congress. The editorial board chose the best research paper published in 2017 (Investigation of Colistin Heteroresistance and Some Factors Affecting Heteroresistance in Carbapenem-Resistant *A. baumannii* Strains. Deniz Gazel, Müşerref Tatman Otkun. Mediterr J Infect Microb Antimicrob. 2017;6:1) and it was presented in the MJIMA session of the congress.

vii) We also carried out the abstract evaluation process for the 2018 EKMUD congress. After a tiring and tedious process between the Editorial Board, Board of Directors, and reviewers, we published the congress abstracts as a supplement to our journal. It can be accessed from the journal's website (<http://www.mjima.org/>).

viii) We have continued to publish bilingually by translating accepted Turkish articles into English with the support of the EKMUD Executive Committee.

As of December-2018, MJIMA is indexed in the Web of Science-Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), Proquest, CINAHL Complete, Gale/Cengage Learning, Index Copernicus, Root Indexing, British Library, Academic Keys, UDL-EDGE, and TurkMedline.

In fact, the main operational difference between MJIMA and other national journals is that accepted articles are provisionally published within one week with an address and DOI (digital object identifier) number.



Manuscripts submitted to our journal in 2018 were evaluated by at least 3 and a median of 4 referees (minimum 3, maximum 7). These peer reviews were conducted with the valuable contributions of a total of 124 of our colleagues (20 from outside Turkey).

The success of scientific journals is dependent on many factors. These include a steady flow of high quality scientific articles submitted to the journal and an effective peer review process (increasing the quality of submissions through a robust refereeing and editorial process), followed by fast, high-quality publishing. Citations are also important for entering indexes and increasing impact/influence factors, which are measures of overall quality. National and international examples show that realizing these factors brings success. Our Editorial Board and Galenos Publishing House continue to strive to increase the tempo of our journal.

I would like to acknowledge the Associate Editors who generously dedicated their valuable time to the journal on top of their professional and personal obligations - Özlem Kandemir, Yaşar Bayındır, Selçuk Kaya, Ediz Tütüncü, Sedat Kaygusuz, İlker Uçkay, Tristan Ferry, and Pasquale Pagliano - and individually thank **all of our colleagues** from Turkey and abroad who reviewed submissions over the last two years. Those colleagues I could not name here can be found in the complete list of names following this editorial.

In addition to everything mentioned above, to ensure the continuing advancement of our journal, I would like to reiterate

the following requests from the EKMUD members on behalf of the MJIMA:

- i) Submit your scientific articles for publication in MJIMA.
- ii) As the editorial board especially, we especially want unpublished specialization theses performed in your departments.
- iii) Updates to book chapters can be evaluated as reviews.
- iv) Every scientific journal needs manuscripts to thrive and citations to be able to enter international indexes. Be sure to cite studies from Turkey, including those published in MJIMA, especially in your Science Citation Index-Expanded publications. This would increase the mean impact factors of scientific journals published from Turkey.
- v) In particular, MJIMA should also be considered as the publication channel for multicenter studies organized by EKMUD working groups.

Our main endeavor is maintaining and raising the reviewing standards for all articles submitted to MJIMA in order to sustain and further increase the journal's high quality.

For their effort and support, I thank all of the authors who submitted articles to the journal, the referees, the Editorial Board, the EKMUD Administrative Board, and Hatice Balta, Burak Sever, and Galenos Publishing House, who have realized every step in bringing MJIMA to you over the last three years.

Referees who participated in the MJIMA review process in 2018 (in alphabetical order by name):

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