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Editorial

There are many factors that determine the value of a journal. We have reviewed these factors one by one for our journal and initiated a variety of works to carry our journal one step further. In this issue, I want to inform you about these works. The most important factor that determines the value of a journal is that it contains well-written articles and is accessed by a high number of readers. Accession by a high number of readers occurs by means of indexes.

As you know, our journal is indexed in PubMed Central, Web of Science-Emerging Sources Citation Index, TÜBİTAK ULAKBİM TR Dizin, EMBASE, SCOPUS, DOAJ, HINARI, EBSCO, CINAHL, Index Copernicus, and GALE. Our objective is to be indexed in Science Citation Index Expanded. For this objective, the citation rates of the articles published in our journal should increase. While working on this issue, we primarily enlarged the Editorial Board. Invaluable scientists from Turkey and abroad who work together with us in the Turkish Pediatric Association and who have contributed to our congresses participated in the Editorial Board for our September issue. Beyond working together with us in the Editorial Board, they will contribute to our journal by writing reviews related with current issues and sharing their valuable studies with us. In this issue of our journal, we have published a review and a research article written by Professor Massimo Pettoello Montavani and his team who newly participated in the Editorial Board on a current issue including recent studies. We thank him and his team for the support they have given to our journal. Reviews from the other members of the Editorial Board will also arrive. We will publish them in our journal as they arrive.

Another novelty will be related with the loading system of the articles. We have started to work in order to switch to the ScholarOne system, which is being used by many international scientific journals, with which articles are loaded much more easily. Our work will be completed in six months.

Another factor that affects the value of a journal is the time between the arrival and acceptance of an article. Our work on shortening this time period are continuing. We are trying to shorten this time period further by updating both the application system of our journal and the Referee Board.

As you know, our journal is being published in print in Turkish and found in English in the digital environment. Not only the abstracts, but the complete articles are being published in PubMed Central. This increases accessibility of the research articles published in our journal by the whole world. Our journal was accepting articles from Turkey in Turkish and from abroad in English until the September issue. However, we started to accept articles in English also from Turkey since September 2017. We expect an increase in article flow into our journal with this decision. As you know, articles written in Turkish are being translated into English and articles written in English are being translated into Turkish by a team of our journal and these translations are being presented to authors for approval.

There are many works to be executed to improve our journal further. Periodical publishing is a continuing process. We will continue to inform you about our works.

As the whole journal team, we warmly thank the Turkish Pediatric Association who have supported us all the way and especially to our chairman Professor Mehmet Vural and executive board members who have made great efforts to enlarge the Editorial Board.

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