



From the Editor

Dear Colleagues,

In the middle of the year, I would like to share some up-to-date information regarding the Turkish Journal of Gastroenterology.

During the first 6 months of 2018, the Turkish Journal of Gastroenterology received 427 international submissions, including 254 original articles, 20 reviews, 77 case reports and 52 letters to the editor. In addition, in the same period we have accepted 64 original articles, 7 case reports and 27 letters to the editor for publication. Researchers from all over the world continue to submit their original studies to the Turkish Journal of Gastroenterology, and since January 2018, we have received 12% of submissions from the Middle East, 27% from Asia (majority from China), 11% from Europe and the United States, and 48% from Turkey. The average time for submission to the first decision was 42 days in this half of the year. Our rejection rate for original articles was 69%, whereas the overall rejection rate was 70%.

Despite great efforts, our editors occasionally struggle to find specialized reviewers for certain manuscripts. Thus the evaluation processes of some papers may have taken longer than usual. Please forgive us for those un-

wanted delays. We invite our readers to contribute to the peer review process as reviewers. Please directly contact our editorial office staff if you are interested.

This year, we have also started to publish interesting cases in "Letter to the editor" format due to the limited space our journal has for case reports. This enables us to continue publishing interesting cases in a more compact format. We also encourage authors to submit their cases in "Diagnostic Challenge" format, which is very popular among our readers.

I would also like to hear more about your thoughts and suggestions regarding the Turkish Journal of Gastroenterology. Please do not hesitate to contact me personally for feedback (osmanozdogan@yahoo.com).

I wish you all a happy vacations in the summer and hope that you can find time to follow our journal.

Sincerely,

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