



THE TURKISH JOURNAL OF GASTROENTEROLOGY

From the Editor

Dear colleagues,

Turkish Journal of Gastroenterology (Turk J Gastroenterol) will offer you a significantly speeded-up evaluation and publication process as of 2015. Our publication process for the accumulated "accepted articles" as supplements of 2014 is still in progress, and we will publish them in January 2015. February 2015 issue of Turk J Gastroenterol will be published online by February 1. We are happy to have lived up to our aims for 2014.

We conducted an open written survey to collect the opinions of our colleagues for Turk J Gastroenterol at the annual congress of Turkish Gastroenterology Society. Two hundred fourteen kindly responded. While 39 stated that they "had no opinion", 175 provided some feedback. Out of 175, 145 (83%) found the journal "successful", and 30 (17%) thought the journal was "unsuccessful". We are looking for the ways to meet the demand of 17% without sacrificing too much from the credibility of Turk J Gastroenterol. We will also try to introduce Turk J Gastroenterol to the people who expressed no opinion.

Furthermore, as of January 2015, we are going to make some changes in submission and acceptance processes. We will neither request a submission fee, nor a copy-editing certificate or a statistician's endorsement from submitting authors. We will request a publication fee of 499USD for accepted manuscripts. The journal will cover all publication expenses with the funds that will be generated through this source. With this development, in order to further cut the expenses, we will have a more rigorous editorial examination before the peer-review process, and probably, the immediate-rejection rate of the journal will significantly increase. We take the liberty to remind you that we want to receive high-quality, original, if possible, prospective clinical research studies. Single case reports will be directly rejected. Only very interesting case series will be evaluated. Otherwise, both your and our efforts would be wasted. Our sister-journal Eurasian Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology is ready to accept such studies.

Another important note: a publication fee will not be requested for the letters that directly comment to a previously published article. Such letters should discuss the previously published article primarily but should not include excessive data about the submitting authors' own research. A publication fee will be requested from all other letters.

We are grateful for your understanding.

We wish you a very pleasant new year.

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