

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to inform you that 'Turkish Neurosurgery' has become one of the most outstanding journals in the field of Neurosurgery. We receive an increasing number of articles for review every month and more articles are accepted compared to the former years as a result. We are very glad to see your interest, support and contributions to the journal. However, we have also received some criticism about the relatively long publication process of the accepted manuscripts.

There are now more than 240 articles waiting for publication, with the oldest having an acceptance date of November 2011. There are various factors that prolong the publication process of these articles. First of all, 'Turkish Neurosurgery' is a bi-monthly journal. Although the number of the articles in a single issue has been increased in previous years, only a limited number of articles can be published in each issue. The number of accepted manuscripts within two months is usually more than or equal to the number of the published articles in each issue.

Another issue is the language considerations. Most of our accepted manuscripts have not been written or reviewed by native English speakers. Therefore, language editing of these accepted manuscripts consumes a significant amount of time and in some cases the authors do not contact us for the final approval of their paper. Another issue is plagiarism. According to our editorial policy, manuscripts are investigated for possible plagiarism once they are accepted for publication and this usually takes place at the final check of the manuscript. We have now made some changes in our editorial policies, enabling early plagiarism check for articles upon acceptance. I believe this will enable a shorter publication process for the accepted manuscripts.

I respectfully look forward to seeing you all again in the next issue.

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