Dear Acta Orthopaedica et Traumatologica Turcica readers,

The second issue of our journal has come out in the first month of spring. The access statistics for the AOTT website (www.aott.org.tr), which we have followed for many years, show a significant increase in the number of visitors with the springtime. This seasonal change is probably created by the joy brought onto us by the spring but is also affected by the amount of congresses and meetings. I am sure that we are all glad to see that articles published in our journal are mentioned during scientific presentations at conventions. I kindly request that you both benefit from AOTT articles and cite them often in your presentations. In this manner, you will make an important contribution to the recognition of our journal.

With the springtime, there also is an increase in the number of manuscript submissions. Every day we receive 2-3 new submissions. As I have indicated in the previous issue, we now use a prescreening mechanism to shorten the review process and to improve its quality. Case reports constitute the majority of submissions and we expect at least one of the following features to be present in each case report, in order to be accepted for review process:

• Presence of findings that cannot be explained by known diseases or syndromes
• A clinically important variation of known diseases or syndromes
• Proof of an unexpected correlation between diseases and symptoms
• A new findings that can help explain the pathogenesis of a disease or side-effect
• Detection of an important positional or numeric variation of anatomic structures that may have clinical implications
• A new suggestion for treating a known disease
• Report of an unexpected or unreproducible side-effect of a known treatment

Our colleagues may benefit from some guidelines during preparation of their manuscript when they decide to report a case. EQUATOR (Enhancing the QUAlity and Transparency Of health Research) (http://www.equator-network.org/) is an international institution for improving the quality of manuscript preparation. I suggest that you review the guidelines in the list of this institution or the guidelines of other organizations for case presentations (http://www.care-statement.org/downloads/CAREchecklist-Eng-20160131.pdf).

See you with the next issue,

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