

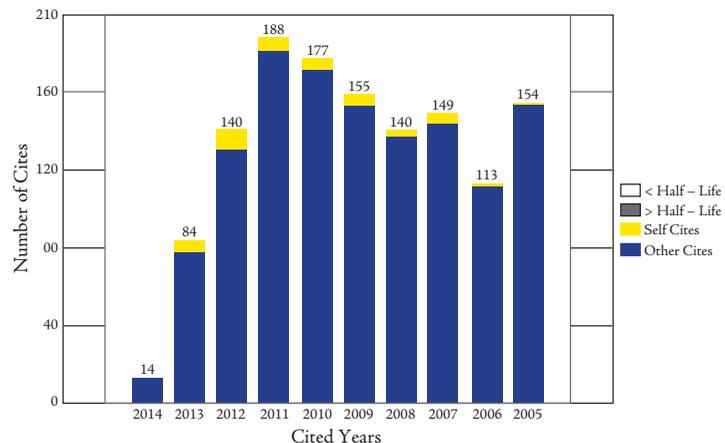
FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Acta Orthopaedica et Traumatologica Turcica readers,

We are pleased to present you with the third issue of 2015, in which we are sure you will find much that is interesting and thought-provoking. In previous issues we have referred to the long back-log that exists for case reports. In fact, the numbers of these already accepted for publication is now sufficient for all remaining 2015 issues. As a consequence of this, and with so much material to choose from, we have decided to adopt a policy of stricter selection for case reports, and will be publishing only those that we believe will make a real contribution to our readers.

In the most recently published ISI Web of Knowledge Journal Citation Report, AOTT was assigned an impact factor (IF) of 0.614, with the same report showing our Eigenfactor and Article Influence scores as 0.00149 and 0.235 respectively. In 2012–13, we published 158 articles, which received a total of 97 citations. The 400 articles we published between 2009 and 2013 garnered 229 citations, resulting in a five-year IF of 0.748. All these figures are evidence that our journal is growing in terms of both its contribution to international literature and its significant citation record.

More importantly, AOTT's self-citation rate currently stands at 12%, and is 16% for the previous two years, percentages which are in line with those of major international journals (JBJS 10%, ASJM 19%, Clinical Orthop 10%, Arthroscopy 22%, Spine 18%, Acta Orthop 10%, Int. Orthop 28%). When these figures are removed, the IF for AOTT registers as 0.513. In an attempt to boost their citation record, some journals choose to include greater amounts of self-citation, the ethics of which are the subject of much debate in international circles, and particularly in ISI. We at AOTT have published a growing number of articles in recent years and when this is coupled with the growth in our IF, it is a clear sign that the international community accepts the scientific content of our journal. The graph here shows AOTT's citation record.



Our online first application is improving with each issue, and very soon we will be in a position to enter all the articles there in pdf format. The journal's new plan of action means we are working hard to produce this year's remaining issues, and we are happy to announce that from now on the journals will appear in the first month of each two-monthly period.

With best wishes to all our readers for a happy and sunny summer and holiday season.

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