Editorial

Dear Colleagues,

The objective in issuing a journal is to publish scientific studies and reach them to the highest number of people possible. Therefore, inclusion of a journal in different indexes is very important. I have news about an index which our journal has recently been included in. However, I would like to primarily explain the process related with indexing of our journal.

As you know, we entered into the Turkish Medicine Index Ulakbim on 02.14.2006 as a result of a three-year marathon. Here, I would like to mention that entering an index requires a process which lasts for a few years. Subsequently, this was followed by international indexes: HINARI, EMBASE, EBSCO, Gale\cengage Learning, CINAHL, Index Copernicus, DOAJ, British Library Direct. After all these indexes, in January 2009, we were included in the 'Science Citation Index (SCI) Expanded' which is currently the most valuable index. In fact, we had also applied to PubMed at the time of application for SCI Expanded. As you know, PubMed is the primary index where medical journals are screened and which is referred to by most of us when searching for an article. However, we could not enter PubMed, because our journal was Turkish and the scientific board did not include foreign scientists. We immediately started studies, improved our abstracts and invited our friends from foreign countries to the Scientific Board. Since we were not cited sufficiently, however, we were removed from the SCI Expanded which we were included in between 2009 and 2012. Naturally, our studies continued. In June 2014, we were included in PubMed Central and English translations of the publications in our journal became easily accessable by way of PubMed Central.

With the intensive works of our publisher (AVES company), we were included in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) database which had recently been established by Thomson Reuters. I would like to share the good news delivered to us by our publisher with you. The content of our journal has been started to appear in the Web of Science system since March 2015. The procedure for application to the SCI Expanded has changed as well as the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI). Accordingly, the journals included in ESCI will be watched regularly and instantly by the editors of Thomson Reuters without the requirement of special application (we do have an application) and the journals which show development especially in terms of citation will be examined in terms of other basic characteristics and augmented to the SCI Expanded which is the upper stage database. We are able to instantly watch the citations received by the studies published in our journal by way of ESCI. Additionally, we are also able to reach the characteristics of our citations and the journal review results in comparison with the other WoS journals in our area by way of the ‘InCites™’ program which we can utilize as a licenced user. In this way, we can reach measurable data related with our journal and a more healthier course of action.”

We thank all colleagues who have sent their publications and evaluated, read and criticised our journal, my valuable master Professor Nil Arısoy who have contributed efforts toward our journal and guided us in our development, our dear friend Professor Tülay Erkan who has contributed efforts toward our journal for years, all our masters, secretaries and technical team who have carried our journal to the present time with their contributions and our Publisher AVES company who has stood by us throughout this tough journey.

Our deepest thanks go to my valuable master Professor Özdemir İlter who passed away on October the 11th, 2015 and who enabled us to reach the present time with his contributions to the Turkish Pediatric Association and our journal. Our master continues to live with the achievements he created.

My dear colleagues, you have the most important duty in terms of citation for our journal to advance in the scientific area.

Best regards,

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