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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear AOTT readers,

I would like to announce an important change in the publishing charges that I have barely mentioned in last issue. As most of the authors know, AOTT was asking an APC (article processing charge) at the end of the editorial process after the article has been accepted for publication. Yet, journals demanding a publication fee of any sort after article being accepted were considered of being a “predator journal” by Inter University Council. In order to be compatible with the decisions of Inter University Council, editorial board of AOTT and boards of the Turkish Association of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, and Turkish Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology came to the decision that an editorial processing charge (EPC) will be asked from the authors once their manuscript is found suitable for further editorial process. Detailed explanation is available at the journal website (aott.org.tr) under information for authors. I am sure that the authors contribute to AOTT will understand and appreciate the reasons behind this necessary change.

It has been a year since the first case of COVID-19 was announced by the health minister of Turkey Dr. Fahrettin Koca. Since then, numerous papers on COVID-19 has been published worldwide. According to NIH National Library of medicine’s SARS-CoV-2-Data (NCBI) there has been 5208 clinical trials registered to ClinicalTrials.gov and 118,397 papers published (1) (Figure 1). Out of these 463 was originated from Turkey (Figure 2).

Two editorials by Wong et al. and Çakmak et al. and 2 research articles by Öztürk et al. and Turgut et al. on COVID-19 appeared in AOTT in 2020. (Wong JSH, Cheung KMC. Orthopaedic surgeons and orthopaedic surgery in the era of COVID-19. *Acta Orthop Traumatol Turc* 2020; 54(3): 221-2. (Read 715, Download 344, Citations 1); Çakmak G, Ceyhan E, Demirtaş Y, Berk H. The management of orthopedics and traumatology patients during SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. *Acta Orthop Traumatol Turc* 2020; 54(3): 223-7. (Read 730, Download 384, Citations 4); Öztürk K, Ünkar EA, Öztürk AA. Perioperative management recommendations to resume elective orthopaedic surgeries for post-COVID-19 “new normal”: Current vision of the Turkish Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology. *Acta Orthop Traumatol Turc* 2020; 54(3): 228-33. (Read 712, Download 295, Citations 1); Turgut A, Arlı H, Altundağ Ü, Hancıoğlu S, Egeli E, Kalenderer Ö. Effect of COVID-19 pandemic on the fracture demographics: Data from a tertiary care hospital in Turkey. *Acta Orthop Traumatol Turc* 2020; 54(4): 355-63 (Read 2701, Download 616, Citations 11)) Looking at their download and citation numbers, COVID-19 related clinical research published in the AOTT has been found worthy of reading and citing by the orthopaedic community.

Orthopaedic community and especially pediatric orthopaedic community was deeply saddened by the loss of Prof. Dr. Yücel Tümer at the age of 82. He was a mentor, leader, a friendly colleague, a highly skilled surgeon and an extraordinary teacher. We will all miss him.

You will find an editorial, and a tribute to Prof. Tümer in this issue following this “from the editor”.

Stay safe until the next issue.

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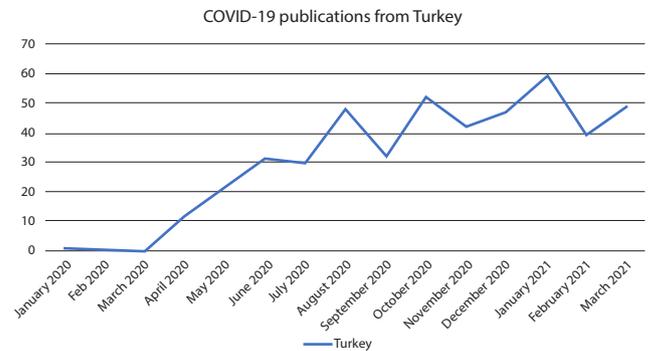


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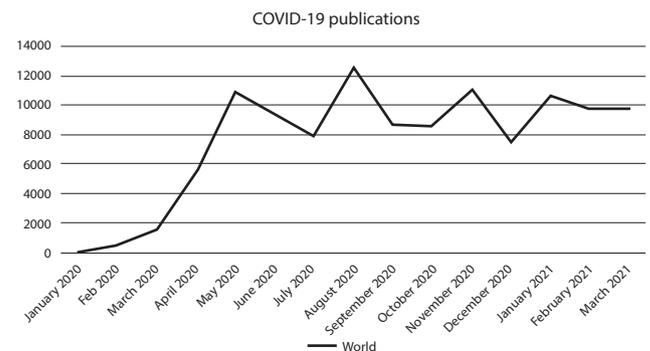


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