Dear Readers,

We are very happy to welcome you to the first issue of “The Journal of Pediatric Research” in 2018. May this new year bring peace, justice and happiness to the world.

“The Journal of Pediatric Research” makes a vibrant start to the year 2018. With the new format of our journal and the continuous support of all our readers, authors, and reviewers, we have come to a point where our journal will only be published in English from now on. We hope to reach a larger audience of readers and eventually to be listed in new indexes in addition to Web of Science-Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), EBSCO, CINAHL Complete Database, ProQuest, Copernicus, Tübitak/Ulakbim TR Index, TurkMedline and Turkije Citation Index.

In the first issue of 2018, we are delighted to present you with several remarkable works from different disciplines and countries from all over the world. Pain management strategies for venipuncture, experiences about hospitalized high risk children for varicella and lower respiratory tract infections and surgical management of congenital pulmonary airway malformations are among the original research articles in this issue that will provide unique clinical perspectives for our readers. In addition, we think original research articles on risk management in the pediatric emergency department, and the effects of Vitamin D on neonatal prognosis will get the attention of our readers in these scientifically hot topics.

I would like to acknowledge the members of our editorial board, reviewers, authors, and Galenos Publishing House for their magnificent support in preparing the first issue of 2018. It is a privilege to be a member of this great team and the editor of this issue as we are beginning a new era for our journal. We look forward to your scientific contributions in 2018 and hope you enjoy reading The Journal of Pediatric Research.

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