

**Dear Colleagues,**

We sincerely wish the happy and healthy New Year to all my colleagues and their families. We are happy to accomplish the first issue of 2018.

There are 7 clinical research articles in this issue. The first article are about the relation between lumbar degenerative disc disease and human 8-hydroxydeoxyguanosine (8-ohdg) serum level. In the second article, the effect of apical rotation to the trunk balance and shoulder asymmetry is reported. Third is also about the results of global derotation maneuver in the surgical treatment of adolescent scoliosis. In the fourth article, the results of the root retraction or sacrifice of the nerve root of the patients with thoracolumbar burst fracture is presented. In the fifth study, 2-year results of Nubac™ disc arthroplasty system are discussed. Sixth study is about the infections after algological posterior paravertebral injections. In the last study, analyze the surgeries for cervical degenerative disc disease with anterior approach in a year was reported.

In this issue, five case reports are presented. In the first and second case, reports are about hematoma of ligamentum flavum with tumor like lesion during anticoagulant therapy and epidural area with neurologic deficit. Third is about perioperative cardiac arrest of a young male during Scheuermann's kyphosis operation In the fourth case report, lumbar spinal aspergillus abscess in an immunocompetent patient is reported. Last one is surgical treatment of mesenchymal chondrosarcoma originated thoracolumbar spine.

Unfortunately, in this issue, there is no section of the "Frontiers of the Spinal Surgery" but we will continue this section in the next issue.

We wish healthy, successful and peaceful New Year to Turkish Spinal Surgery family and we present our deepest respects.

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