Dear JPR Readers,

We are pleased to inform you that the first issue of year 2021 is published. Globally, as of 10:06 a.m. CET, 29th of January 2021, there have been 100,819,363 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 2,176,159 deaths, reported by WHO. The rise of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis has put enormous pressure on paediatric health and wellbeing all over the world. According to UNICEF, 99 per cent of children and young people under 18 worldwide (2.34 billion) live in one of the 186 countries with some form of restrictions on movement due to COVID-19. The mitigating measures such as lockdown, isolation, restrictions, and school closures taken against the pandemic crisis were found to exacerbate existing health problems and inequalities thereby putting the lives of many children at serious risk of disease or death. In response to the pandemic measures, there has been an impact on children’s health, education, nutrition, parent-child relationships, and peer relationships.

The year 2021 is the year of vaccination for COVID-19. As healthcare professionals, we will continue to support children and their families who cannot get an equal share of the world's benefits and whose rights are violated...

In this issue, you are going to find 15 articles, including 13 pieces of original research and two case reports representing different disciplines. We hope that our readers will have the opportunity to update their knowledge on some acute and chronic paediatric health problems such as congenital hypothyroidism, celiac disease, carbon monoxide poisoning, rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, Henoch-Schönlein purpura, NAFLD, foreign body aspiration, obesity, trauma, nail diseases, tuberous sclerosis complex, paediatric pain management, recurrent hypersomnia, and heart transplantation. Recently, culturally competent care is one of the most important skills required from health care professionals. By reading one of the articles which focuses on the “neonatal outcomes of Turkish and immigrant pre-terms”, our readers will have the chance to be more aware of the impact of cultural diversity in paediatric settings.

Finally, we would like to remind you that The Journal of Pediatric Research is indexed in the Web of Science-Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), Embase, Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), EBSCO, British Library, CINAHL Complete Database, ProQuest, Gale/Cengage Learning, Index Copernicus, Tübitak/ULakbim TR Index, TurkMedline, J-GATE, IdealOnline, ROOT INDEXING, Hinari, GOALI, ARDI, OARE, AGORA, EuroPub, Türkiye Citation Index and CABI.

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