



Dear Colleagues,

We sincerely wish the year 2015 brings peace, happiness and health to all my colleagues and their families. We are happy to accomplish the second issue of 2015.

There are 8 research articles in this issue. The first one is a biomechanics study analyzing for effect of axial loading on lamp spine without disc on the biomechanical test machine. The second, third and fourth studies are morphometric investigations which were about length and diameter of the lumbar pedicle and lumbosacral sagittal angles and basion-axis interval (BAI), cervical - cranial measurements as basion-dens interval (BDI), Powers

ratio, atlanto-occipital interval (AOI), atlantodental interval (ADI) and posterior atlantodental interval (PADI) in the patients with congenital spinal deformity. Fifth study is about the kyphosis. Multiple level posterior osteotomies were discussed in this article for Scheuermann's kyphosis. In the sixth study, the results of the fluoroscopy guided transforaminal steroid injection for cervical radicular pain were presented. The seventh study is about pain management for the failed back syndrome. The last one is a study analyzing the total health expenditure and total spine related procedure expenditure in a five-year period (2008-2012) in Turkey. We believe that all those studies will quietly interest the readers.

There are also three case reports in this issue: the first one is spontaneous intradural herniation of the lumbar vertebra which is seen quiet rarely. The second case has cervical epidural abscess due to nasal septal perforation. In the third case report, validity of the cuff leak test for difficult extubation after cervical fusion was presented.

There are two reviews in this issue. The first one is a review presenting the studies about the cross laminar screw fixation of the axis, and the second one presents the anesthesia for the patient spinal cord injury. Both of those are quiet comprehensive and informative reviews.

In this issue, in the "Frontiers of the Spinal Surgery" section, the bibliographic study for Turkish scientific books about the spine and spinal surgery was presented. The author of the this article is Prof. Sait Naderi.

The "Marmara Spinal Group Meetings", which includes İstanbul and neighboring cities and which is conducted to increase the interests of especially assistants and new specialist on spinal surgery and to contribute to their trainings and to transfer the experiences of experienced colleagues and will be organized each month regularly by the regulatory board, and which Prof. Dr. Cüneyt Şar will perform the headship this year and Surgeon Yunus Atıcı performs the secretariat, will be continued. You can find the other meeting contents from the announcements section.

We respond to answer the STE questions that we publish in accordance with the request from TOTBİD TOTEK for recertification in this issue. The answers of the questions included in this issue should be sent to cutku@ada.net.tr or admin@jtss.org.tr addresses as also indicated in the page including the questions. The sent answers will be sent to the secretariat working relevantly in TOTBİD TOTEK by us.

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

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