



Dear Colleagues,

I feel very privileged to be the person responsible for publishing this, the 1st issue, of our professional journal this year. It includes several clinical research studies, a couple of case reports, and a review article. I hope that each of you will take the time to review this issue very carefully, and add the information and insights contained herein, to your already very well informed knowledge bases.

The Journal of Turkish Spinal Surgery (www.jtss.org), is the official publication of the Turkish Spine Society. JTSS is currently indexed in Ulakbim and Atif Dizin. However, we are very happy to announce that JTSS will now, in addition, be indexed by two international indexes; J-Gate and Europub. We would like to remind you that, should you choose to submit a manuscript to the Turkish Journal of Spinal Surgery, it is free of charge, and the Pleksus system is being used.

In this issue, there are nine clinical research studies, three case reports and one review article. The first study is a retrospective clinical study giving the results on ankylosing spondylitis patients who had deformity correction with combined osteotomies. The second is about 12 patients who had painful scoliosis and osteoid osteoma of the spine. In the third, one can read about a retrospective clinical study entitled, Comparison of Three Different Surgical Treatment Procedures Used in the Treatment of Lumbar Spinal Stenosis. The fourth article is a technical report about whether a minimal superior articular process removal of a facet joint, using a lateral interpedicular approach, could provide a better exposure in treatment of far lateral disc herniations. The authors of the fifth study examined the alteration of sagittal lumbosacral alignment, after posterior stabilization-fusion, in lumbar spondylolisthesis. The sixth study discusses unintended dural injury in degenerative lumbar spinal surgery while, in the seventh, the authors wrote about how recurrent laryngeal nerve palsy, after cervical spinal surgery, can be prevented. The eighth article is a retrospective single-centre study about the incidence and mortality of osteoporotic insufficient sacral fractures. The ninth article is about giant cell tumors of the sacrum, and current treatment strategies. The tenth study is a two-case series about distal migration of the rods of a constrained poly-axial pedicle screw system. The eleventh article is composed of a case report about giant cell tumor of the thoracic spine, while the thirteenth is a review of current concepts on spinal tuberculosis.

I hope you found this issue stimulating and informative. It's my goal to provide you with the latest, and most up-to-date information in our field. I do this in an effort to keep all of us on the cutting edge of the latest research and developments.

I wish all our Turkish spinal surgeons and their families a healthy, peaceful, and prosperous year.

With kindest regards,

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