Dear Readers,

Our struggle with the new coronavirus disease (COVID-19), which first appeared in December 2019 in the city of Wuhan, China, as a mysterious respiratory disease of unknown origin and turned into a pandemic after it began to threaten public health globally, continues.

While there have been positive developments regarding the vaccine, on the anniversary of the first appearance of the disease, the UK became the first country to raise the alarm for a rapidly multiplying Covid-19 mutation. Other variants announced after that (South Africa, Brazil, California etc.) also caused worldwide concern. Finally, the delta variant, which was first seen in India and spread rapidly to other countries, causing a significant increase in the number of cases despite widespread social vaccination, caused the quarantine measures to come up again. Despite all the devastating effects of the pandemic, the mild course of the disease in vaccinated individuals, the higher need for hospitals and intensive care units in unvaccinated individuals, the initiation of adolescent vaccines and the acceleration of vaccination studies in young age groups gave rise to great hopes. Vaccine is our greatest weapon against this global threat. Raising awareness of the society about the importance and necessity of the vaccine, and producing solutions for the factors that cause vaccine instability should be our biggest task in the fight against the covid 19 pandemic.

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Sincerely yours,
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