



Dear Colleagues,

I would like to report on the developments of the last four years with Turkish Archives of Otorhinolaryngology (TAO) which is the official journal of Turkish Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head & Neck Surgery.

Turkish Archives of Otorhinolaryngology has been in publication since November 1962 and it is a great honor to serve as the Editor in Chief of this prestigious journal, which has had a historic and ongoing importance on our specialty in Turkey.

Since our inclusion in Web of Science Emerging Sources Citation Index and PubMed Central (PMC) the visibility of our content and the recognition of our journal in the international arena increased significantly.

Table 1. Change in the number of submitted articles and rejection rates according to the years

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019*
Number of submissions	89	97	129	177	55
Rate of submissions from foreign countries	%5	%18	%17	%25	%25
Rate of rejection	%61	%54	%62	%73	%81

* Results of the first two months

Table 2. Details of the submitted articles between 2015 and 2019*

Year	Original Research	Review	Case Report	Letter to Editor	Others	Total
2015	42	13	33	1	0	89
2016	53	3	40	1	0	97
2017	71	5	44	6	3	129
2018	101	5	63	3	5	177
2019	30	2	21	2	-	55
Total	297	28	201	13	8	547

* Results of the first two months

While the number of articles we received was 89 in 2015, this number was 97 in 2016, 129 in 2017 and 177 in 2018. In this four-year period, 170 articles from 12 countries were published in 16 issues. Acceptance rate of a scientific journal is an important criterion in evaluating the quality of that journal. While this rate was 39% for us in 2015, it decreased to 27% at the end of 2018 (Table 1, 2).

Our Editorial Board also performed multiple training activities on scientific writing and publishing during various otorhinolaryngology and head & neck surgery meetings in Turkey. We have organized two workshops in 38th and 39th



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annual meetings with the contributions of the Turkish Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head & Neck Surgery. The workshops were titled “Future of Turkish Otorhinolaryngology Publishing” and “Scientific Paper Writing”. Also a panel session “ask the editor” was held in the 40th annual meeting. Authors of three best research articles and three outstanding reviewers of each year were presented with awards and certificates by our national society. We wish to continue these activities in 2019, especially targeting our younger colleagues.

The most important development that emerged with our journal with the first issue of 2019 is the change of the publication language to English. English is considered to be the language of science internationally and publication in English is inevitable for a journal like ours which is trying to make an international impact. We anticipate that this change, which will benefit us in terms of time, labor and cost in publishing processes, will also indirectly facilitate the inclusion of our journal in major international directories or indexes.

Increasing the quality of the articles published in TAO is very important for the journal’s citation activity which is a very significant factor in the calculation of our journal’s impact on our field. For this reason, we trust that our contributors will continue providing us with the high quality research papers and thorough and constructive evaluations also in 2019.

We would like to thank our readers, authors, reviewers for the great support they have provided during the last few years, our national society for their unwavering contributions, and finally our publisher, which we have worked with in close collaboration.

Sincerely,

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