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## Editorial



Dear Colleagues,

A long time has passed since my latest editorial. Thanks to your great contributions, Cyprus Journal of Medical Sciences was accepted for inclusion in Web of Science Emerging Sources Citation Index with only two years into publication.

The number of international manuscript submissions we receive increased due to the increased popularity of Cyprus Journal of Medical Sciences. This change enables us to be able to share our knowledge and benefit people all around the world. Cyprus Journal of Medical Sciences aims to embrace all researchers working in various fields both in Cyprus and around the world.

We are aware that evaluating an article takes time and requires a lot of effort. We really want to thank our reviewers for their invaluable contributions.

With your continuing support, we will keep working harder towards our goals. We hope to have the journal accepted for inclusion in both PubMed and SCIE.

Drawing inspiration from the founder of the Republic of Turkey, who once said "Peace at home, peace in the world" I would like to wish "Science at home, science in the world." And with that, I would like to wish an end to all wars, to innocent people being killed or forced to migrate and drown in the dark waters. We are also very sorry for those in Greece who lost their lives and homes.

Sincerely,

Sonuç Büyük  
Editor in Chief