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I am extremely pleased to have learned of the recent acceptance of the Turkish Journal of Medical Sciences (TJMS) to the Science Citation Index (SCI), which was one of the aims of this Journal publication. I sincerely congratulate the Editor, M. Mahir Özmen, for this success, which was realized under his guidance, and I wish him the best success. On this occasion, of course, I am reminded of several of the past editors - Naci Bor, Uğur Buget, Dinçer Ülkü, Özer Bekaroğlu, Şinasi Özsoylu, Emin Kansu, Hasan Yazıcı, Şevket Ruacan, İskender Sayek, and Selma Yörükán - who all strived toward this goal.

All of the TÜBİTAK journals originated from DOĞA (Nature), which was first published in December 1976 under the editorship of Naci Bor. Four prefaces by Prof. Dr. Necmettin Erbakan, as a State Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, Prof. Dr. Kazım Ergin, as President of the Scientific Committee of TÜBİTAK, Prof. Dr. Reşat Garan, and Prof. Dr. Naci Bor were published, which indicated the goals of the Journal1-4.

DOĞA gave birth to 12 of TÜBİTAK's journals in 1989. One of them, TJMS, has been specifically related to medical sciences. It was published every four months prior to 1989, and became quarterly thereafter. Its growth was fastest among its peers and it became a monthly publication in English in 1992 with the largest distribution.

In a 1994 Editorial, the growth spurt of the Journal was illustrated in a figure. After 1994, it was published bi-monthly and five or six people served as editor under the Editor-in-Chief. Since 2006, one editor has been responsible for the guidance and development of the Journal.

TJMS has been reviewed by Excerpta Medica, Biol abstr, Chemical abstr, Index Copernicus, EMBASE, and DOAJ, which are helping to provide a wide presentation of the authors' papers.

On this occasion, I also wish to appreciate the efforts of the Journal administrators, English-language Editors and the other staff whose contributions to the journal are not seen at first glance.

I myself feel lucky to have observed the developments of the Journal. I wish for the Journal an even greater reputation and further successes.

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