



FROM THE EDITOR IN CHIEF

The integrity and quality of scientific publishing rely heavily on the commitment, expertise, and dedication of peer reviewers. As editors of this journal, we are profoundly grateful for the time and effort that referees invest in evaluating manuscripts, often alongside their already demanding professional responsibilities.

In 2024, we received an impressive number of submissions, spanning a wide array of topics and methodologies. The task of assessing these manuscripts for originality, methodological rigor, relevance, and clarity is no small feat. It is thanks to the critical insights and constructive feedback of our referees that we can uphold the high standards our authors and readers have come to expect.

Reviewing is a selfless act that frequently goes unnoticed in the broader scientific community. Yet, it is the cornerstone of progress, ensuring that published work is both reliable and impactful. The thoughtful critiques and suggestions provided by our reviewers not only enhance individual manuscripts but also contribute to the overall advancement of science.

As members of the Editorial Board, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the scientific referees; Hamdi AKAN, Özlem AKI, Aysun ANKAY YILBAS, Berna ARDA, Sadık ARDIÇ, Didem ARSLANTAŞ, Vildan AVKAN-OĞUZ, Semih AYDEMİR, Pınar AYDIN, Tolga Reşat AYDOS, Okay BAŞAK, Terken BAYDAR, Mehmet BEYAZOVA, Sedat BOYACIOĞLU, Ahmet COŞAR, İlke COŞKUN BENLİDAYI, Alfonso CRUZ-JENTOFT, Aslı DÖNMEZ, Ufuk ERGÜN, Erhan ESER, Ayşe GELAL, Yeşim GÖKÇE KUTSAL, Gloria GUTMAN, Özlem GÜLBAHAR, Ceyda GÜLTER KABAROĞLU, Zafer GÜNENDİ, Rengin GÜZEL, Gülşen HASÇELİK, Kenan HİZEL, Önder İLGİLİ, Jale İRDESEL, Fuat KALYONCU, Sevilay KARAHAN, Ayşe KARS, Semih KESKİL, Pembe KESKİNOĞLU, Murat KOÇ, Mahir KUNT, Ali KUTSAL, Abdullah OLGUN, Serpil ÖCAL, Işıl ÖZKOÇAK, Zerrin ÖZKÖSE, Şerefür ÖZTÜRK, Mihrimah ÖZTÜRK, Sercan ÖZYURT, Gülöden PEKCAN, Reyhan POLAT, İskender SAYEK, Meral SAYGUN, Derya SOY BUĞDAYCI, Meltem ŞENGELEN, Tijen ŞENGEZER, Mehmet Ali TAŞKAYNATAN, Tugan TEZCANER, Zahide TUNA, Canan ULUOĞLU, Songül VAİZOĞLU, Neslihan YÜCEL and Murat ZİNNUROĞLU.

As we embark on another year of publishing, we remain committed to recognizing the invaluable contributions of our reviewers. We encourage authors, readers, and institutions to join us in celebrating the vital role referees play in the scientific process.

Together, let us continue fostering a culture of rigor, integrity, and collaboration in science.

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