We would like to wish all a happy new year and introduce our first issue in 2022. We are grateful and encouraged by the popularity of Northwestern Medical Journal among international researchers in medicine, dentistry, nursing, and all health sciences. According to our new policy, our journal will be published 3 issues annually in February, June, and November.

In the first issue, we have interesting articles such as “Evaluation of the performance of pre-analytical phase of the testing process in medical laboratory accreditation” by Emekli et al. Kurt et al. have emphasized the importance of tuberosclerosis as an important entity to be remembered in the differential diagnosis of resistant epilepsy. Elif Yaksi et al. examined the bone mineral density and vitamin D levels in Parkinson’s disease, a rising problem with the aging population.

Kilit et al. have studied the toxic effects of phloridzin. The diagnostic value of monocyte/high-density lipoprotein ratio in patients with unstable angina pectoris has been investigated by Çelik et al. Osman Yakşı et al. sought an answer for the necessity of computed tomography in emergency cases with thoracic trauma. Yasar et al. has comparatively studied the efficacy of interferential current and pulse electromagnetic field therapy in patients with chronic mechanical low back pain. Eyyupkoca et al. assessed the volume and function of left atrial volume in prediabetes and sought the correlation with NT-pro ANP levels.

We hope all these valuable scientific contributions will be useful and inspiring for our readers.

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We look forward to receiving your excellent contributions to our next issues.

Sincere greetings,

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