



Dear Readers,

We are delighted to be with you in the final issue of 2024. In this issue, we are pleased to share eight studies with you, including five original research articles, two case reports, and a letter to the editor. Some of these contributions come from outside our country. With this issue, our journal will have completed its seventh year of publication. Over the past seven years, a total of 602 manuscripts from various countries have been submitted to our journal, demonstrating its growing recognition on an international platform. Additionally, our journal has seen a significant rise in ranking within SCOPUS, one of the most prestigious indexes. While it ranked 39th among journals in its field last year, it has climbed to the 22<sup>nd</sup> position this year.

Among the studies we are presenting in this issue, two are related to healthcare utilization. Ural and colleagues evaluate the impact of referring dermatology patients to appropriate healthcare centers on healthcare expenditure. In another study, Gökçeoğlu and colleagues examine the extent of unnecessary visits to public hospitals and the factors associated with these visits. Vaccine hesitancy, with its increasing prevalence and adverse effects on health, continues to hold a prominent place on our agenda. Keser and colleagues emphasize in their study that vaccine hesitancy is influenced by internet-based information and environmental interactions. Another study in this issue focuses on elderly health and the long-term use of inhaled corticosteroids.

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Looking forward to meeting you again in spring.

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