

Dear Colleagues,

The first cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome-coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV-2) were reported from China on the last day of December 2019, and the disease it caused was named coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19). The epidemic all over the world was declared as a pandemic by the World Health Organization in March 2020 and spread rapidly, causing a high rate of morbidity and mortality. Subsequently, many agents for treatment and prevention were tried and their use was quickly approved by the health authorities. Much research has been done in the fields of basic and clinical medicine. There has been a constant and intense flow of information into the medical literature in a way that has never been seen before.

As we leave behind three years of pandemic, we have prepared the CSMJ special issue, which includes the current information we have learned about COVID-19. In this special issue, you can find up-to-date information on the structure of the causative agent of COVID-19, epidemiology, pathogenesis, diagnostic methods and clinical pictures of COVID-19 prepared by our professors, each of whom is an expert on their subject. In the emergence of CSMJ special issue, I would like to thank Prof. Dr. Merih Çankaya, the chief editor of CSMJ and Prof. Dr. Nurettin Yiyit, the head physician for their kind invitation, to all our esteemed professors and experts for their time and support for each department, and also to the valuable team of CSMJ for their contributions.

We are pleased to present this issue to you, our esteemed readers, hoping that it will contribute to your clinical practice. Wishing you a happy new year, we are waiting your articles for the future issues.

Kind regards,

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