

## Editorial

### Stroke, Country, and the Journal: Echoes of the Past, Visions of the Future

Dear colleagues,

"Türk Beyin Damar Hastalıkları Dergisi" has completed its 30th year, marking the beginning of its fourth decade with this issue. Moving forward, the journal will be published in English under the title "Turkish Journal of Cerebrovascular Diseases".

Starting with this issue, significant updates have been made in both the structure and content of the journal. In addition, we have initiated professional publishing services to enhance the quality of our web platform, improve our editorial policies, and ensure the highest level of technical compatibility with international standards. We believe these advancements will contribute to strengthening the visibility and impact of our journal within the international scientific community.

In recent years, our journal has been published with remarkable consistency, featuring not only research articles but also essential guidelines, reviews exploring the latest developments in neurovascular diseases, case reports, and letters. Beyond acute ischemic stroke, the journal covers a broad spectrum of neurovascular topics, including vascular disease prevention, neurosonology, neurorehabilitation, stroke nursing, cerebral aneurysms, vascular malformations, neurointerventional procedures, and neurological intensive care.

Our mission remains steadfast: to establish the most significant platform for discussion and interaction in the field of neurovascular sciences within Türkiye. It is also our aspiration that, in the foreseeable future, this platform extends beyond the borders of Türkiye, reaching an even wider scientific community.

The incidence of stroke in Türkiye continues to rise in parallel with the aging population. Expanding acute stroke treatments across the country and maintaining them at a readily accessible level requires increasing numbers of neurologists and persistent efforts. Although we have successfully achieved this over the past decade, the need for continued action remains.

A particularly pressing issue is the need to educate the public on vascular health. The steps to take in the event of suspected acute stroke must always remain a focal point. In this regard, our society has made significant contributions, but unfortunately, these efforts must be sustained over time.

The management of stroke in Türkiye, including the evaluation of patient referral and administration systems, has been shaped—and will continue to be shaped—by the academic strength of the journal and the neurology community.

Over the past five years, the journal has published critical guidelines such as stroke nursing and acute-phase patient care, clinical nutrition in stroke, the use of NOACs in stroke, and the management of brain edema and increased intracranial pressure in stroke. However, the "Training standards for neurointerventional procedures regarding endovascular treatment and secondary endovascular protection of acute ischemic Stroke", published at the end of 2023, has served as a guiding resource, not only for our country but also on the international stage, filling a significant gap. In this issue, the expert opinion article titled "Endovascular Treatment in Acute Ischemic Stroke: From Randomized Studies to Current Treatments" is also highly valuable in addressing many dilemmas faced by neurologists.

Sincerely,

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