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Turkish Journal of Hematology was first published in 1951 by the editor Prof. Dr. E. Frank under the title New Istanbul Contribution to Clinical Science. TJH serves as the official organ of the Turkish Society of Hematology which was established in 1967. Publication was suspended from 1982-1995; and it was restarted in 1995 under the title Turkish Journal of Hematology. Since the beginning of 2009, Turkish Journal of Hematology has been accepted to Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE). We believe that this event will increase the international recognition of TJH. From now on, we will work hard to increase the impact factor of TJH. The main objective of our journal is to discuss current topics in hematology and also regional disorders to increase the awareness and prevention.

In this issue Dr. Sarper et al. discuss the premarital screening in hemoglobinopathies [1]. It is very important to alert families in respect to this disorder with premarital screening since hemoglobinopathies are very common in Turkey. First premarital screening study was held in 1996 and families who has the risk for children with hemoglobinopathy was directed to prenatal diagnosis [2]. Other studies have continued on this subject [3-5]. In the study of Sarper et al. the high number of premarital screening of individuals is very important data.

Premarital screening and prenatal diagnosis in pregnancies at risk families covering all over Turkey will be very important to prevent the children with homozygous hemoglobinopathy.

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