

Upregulation in *Anatomy*

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Ten years ago, our journal *Anatomy* started out as a new international journal sponsored by Turkish Society of Anatomy and Clinical Anatomy (TSACA) to convey high-level papers on all aspects of anatomy to international biomedical platform.^[1] It was actually very difficult to launch a new journal at that time because the global economy took a downturn and therefore the future of journal publications was unclear.^[2] TSACA nevertheless decided to publish the journal *Anatomy* both in print and electronic versions. This laudable decision came to fruition today. *Anatomy* has been started to be published triannually with new Editorial Board and Scientific Advisory Board members since the last volume.^[3,4] A remarkable increase of manuscripts sent from various aspects of anatomy and related disciplines with international diversity shows the improvement of our journal.

With this “upregulation” in *Anatomy*, our plan is now application for indexing in prestigious international scientific journal databases in early 2016. Indexing will make it possible for our authors’ articles to be more widely disseminated and more readily available to other scientists around the world, who can then incorporate this new knowledge into their scientific work. With this aim, we put an effort to improve *Anatomy*’s scope and coverage, making the journal more internationally relevant, and to continue improving the quality of the *Anatomy*’s review articles, original research papers, case reports, and editorials. In addition, we targeted to increase the strength and credibility of *Anatomy*’s Editorial Board and Scientific Advisory Board with about a hundred leading scientists from different disciplines of anatomy worldwide.

Anatomy has granted a particular importance on content originality and correspondingly publication ethics that is one of the main current topics in scholarly pub-

lishing. The Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE), a forum for editors and publishers of peer reviewed journals to discuss all aspects of publication ethics, has developed Code of Conduct and Best Practice Guidelines for Journal Editors.^[5] Now, we are pleased to announce that we follow the COPE Ethics Flowcharts for dealing with cases of possible scientific misconduct and breach of publication ethics. These flowcharts are designed to help editors follow COPE’s Code of Conduct and implement its recommendations for cases of suspected misconduct. There are also more resources for practice on this topic by different serious organizations such as Council of Science Editors (CSE), World Association of Medical Editors (WAME) and International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE).^[6-8] *Anatomy* has published its Publication Ethics and Malpractice Statement which is based on the recommendations and guidelines for journal editors developed by these organizations. All the details of the current version of this Statement appear in this issue and are always available at our journal’s website. A biostatistician is also included now in our Scientific Advisory Board for reviewing when there is a requirement by the editorial board or reviewers.

We believe *Anatomy* will soon achieve its goal to have more recognition, more citations, and higher impact with its published papers, and hence contribute to advancement of anatomical science and serve its international community.

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