EDITORIAL

From the First Issue: A Medical Journal Built on Transparent Reporting and Open Data

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DEAR READERS,

We are pleased to share with you the first issue of the Digilayf Academia Journal of Medical Sciences. The journal was founded to publish original research, reviews, case reports and brief reports from all fields of medicine and health sciences, after double-blind peer review and with open access. Four issues will be published each year (January, April, July and October), and articles will be presented with abstracts in both Turkish and English.

In founding a new journal, we asked ourselves a question: what does a reader's trust in an article rest on? Our answer is transparent reporting that fully describes how a study was done, and access to the data behind its findings.

TRANSPARENT REPORTING

Poorly reported studies, however well designed, cannot be replicated or used in evidence syntheses [1,2]. For this reason, the journal requires the use of the international reporting guideline appropriate to the study type (CONSORT, STROBE, PRISMA, CARE and others). We ask authors to attach the relevant checklist at submission and expect our reviewers to take it into account in their assessment.

OPEN DATA AND OPEN ACCESS

Sharing research data makes it easier to verify findings and to address new questions [3]. Every research article published in the journal will include a data availability statement, and we encourage data that are findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable (FAIR) [4]. All our articles are published under the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 licence, free of charge for readers and authors.

IN THIS ISSUE

Our first issue includes an original study of the association between health literacy and glycaemic control in type 2 diabetes, a systematic review and meta-analysis comparing plasma biomarkers for the early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, a case of spontaneous coronary artery dissection in a young woman, and a brief report presenting the first results of video-assisted tele-triage in the emergency department. Each of these studies was prepared in line with the reporting principles described above.

We thank the reviewers who contributed to the review process, our editorial board and the authors who trusted us with our first issue. We look forward to your submissions for our January 2027 issue.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Selin Aydemir, Editor-in-Chief

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