

For centuries dissemination of knowledge via different media has been a main concern for mankind. This goal was realized through various methods such as drawing, writing, filming, and publishing throughout our intellectual history. Being remembered or in other words simply "leaving a mark" on this world was the ultimate goal of these efforts.

Standing on the edge of an emerging digital revolution, the role of scientific journals in a classical form, even if they are fully digitized is discussed among the scientific community. It is apparent that nowadays learning about a new topic most often takes the form of knowing through visual media, such as informational videos and graphics, rather than studying the matter in depth through written artifacts. The most desirable qualities for contemporary information have become compactness, precision, and directness of communication. Traditional flourishes characteristic of the written medium are no longer sought after by the new reader/spectator individual who seeks knowledge. This observation holds true for today's adults, but is particularly emerging as the most common mode of knowledge sharing in the upcoming generation.

Keeping these concerns in mind, we ask ourselves the question: Why should we continue to publish the Cerrahpaşa Medical Journal (CMJ) in the classical form of a scientific journal, the same way it has always been done?

A very simple answer, appealing to the history of our institution, is that Cerrahpaşa is a long-lasting tradition, and the CMJ itself is part of this tradition. The journal's first issue came out in July 1970, and a new issue was published regularly until 2010; the most recent issues in were published 2019 after the 2010 one. It is our duty to carry forward this precious tradition.

It has always been difficult for general medicine journals to have a defined scope and target audience. What prompts someone to be interested in this type of journal, and why should they read the CMJ particularly, with many hundreds of other general medicine journals out there? How can a general medicine journal become attractive and readworthy to the scientific community?

Looking for answers to questions such as these, our editorial board met once again in August 2019 with the end-goal of reviving the CMJ. After lengthy discussions with the members of this enthusiastic and dedicated team, we came up with a strategy for the next couple of years to achieve these goals. Our first goal is to be listed in TR-Index (ULAKBIM) in the year of 2020, as we were back in 2010 before the journal enters its hiatus of nine years. Second, our editorial board decided to widen the scope of the CMJ and bring the journal up to par with 21st century's standards, while building an attractive and readable digital platform. Our third aim is to widen the editorial board over the course of 2020/2021 cycles, including national and international academics that share CMJ's goals.

Now, after describing the re-envisioning of the CMJ, let me introduce you to the journal itself. CMJ is a triannual open access journal and accepts all types of articles including meta-analysis, reviews, original research articles, and case reports. We affirm the importance of highlighting the clinical utility of today's most up-to-date medical and technological developments in an attempt to improve the standards of patient care.

In this issue, you will find five original articles from various medical specialties and different medical institutions. CMJ will continue to be a journal in the classical sense for the present Cerrahpaşa School of Medicine community and also strive to be an attractive journal for various academic and medical institutions from all over Turkey and eventually gain international reputation in the near future with articles from the international medical society.

For people of Turkey, the name of Cerrahpaşa resembles trust, confidence, and medical expertise. CMJ will follow suit in exemplifying these values. We expect that the Cerrahpaşa family, with all its constituents, will actively play a role in the process of reviving the CJM. Above all, the support of the Dean of Cerrahpaşa School of Medicine Prof. Dr. M. Sait Gönen and all the faculty of the Cerrahpaşa School of Medicine will be crucial in the reshaping of the CMJ.

We hope to meet you all again in our April 2020 issue, which will include a distinguished review article about the history of Turkish medical education and its close relationship with Cerrahpaşa Medical School's history, along with various news from our medical community.

All of us here at CMJ wish our readers a happy new year and 20/20 vision for the future.

With our most sincere regards,

In the name of CMJ Editorial Board,

Ali Metin Kafadar