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Dear Colleagues,

We sincerely wish the new year of 2016 brings peace, happiness and health to all my colleagues and their families. We are happy to accomplish the first issue of 2016.

There are 8 research articles in this issue. The first article is the experimental biomechanics study analyzing for prevent failure of pedicle screws that is used for surgical treatment of osteoporotic spine diseases and to obtain a more stable fixation material by biomechanic comparing of two different screwing technique in corpuses of 15 sheep lomber spine. The next four study are about the morphometric anaysis of the spine. The MR evaluation of relation between Modic changes and occupational status in symptomatic young adults is discussing in sixth article. In the seven study, the results of interbody fusion at the level of conus are presented. The last article is about the the appropriateness and efficacy of vertebroplasty application in patients who developed osteoporotic vertebral compression fracture (OVCF) during their chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) treatment. We believe that all those studies will quietly interest the readers.

In this issue, in the "Frontiers of the Spinal Surgery" section, the biography was presented about the Prof. Nafiz Bilsel. The authors of the this article are Hüseyin Botanlıoğlu, M.D.

The "Marmara Spinal Group Meetings", which includes İstanbul and neighboring cities and which is conducted to increase the interests of especially assistants and new specialist on spinal surgery and to contribute to their trainings and to transfer the experiences of experienced colleagues and will be organized each month regularly by the regulatory board, and which Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Aydoğan will perform the headship this year and Yunus Atıcı performs the secretariat, will be continued. You can find the other meeting contents from the announcements section.

We wish healthy, successful and peaceful days to Turkish Spinal Surgery family and we present our deepest respects.

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