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Dear Colleagues,

We would like to wish you a very happy new year. We hope 2015 will be the year of peace for our region and the world. We also wish that working environments and conditions for health professionals would be healthier and safer in 2015. Last but not least, we hope 2015 will be a more productive year in terms of scientific achievements.

In this issue, we have an invited review by Drs. LA Cohen and RW Light from Vanderbilt University, USA. Dr. Light is one of the most important leaders in the field of pleural diseases. In this review, authors discuss tuberculosis pleurisy in details from its epidemiology to its treatment. We also have four research articles and two interesting case reports along with the summary of consensus report of Turkish Thoracic Society on preoperative evaluation prepared by the assembly of diagnostic methods. We hope you will enjoy reading these articles.

We look forward to meeting you with our next issue in April 2015.

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