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In this issue of the journal, there are interesting reviews, research articles and case reports. We keep publish invited reviews from internationally renowned experts in their fields. In this respect, we believe the short review by Dr M Woodhead from Manchester, UK, will contribute to the knowledge about the role of angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors and statins in pneumonia. Dr D Karakaş from Istanbul Technical University, Turkey, gives an insight to market-oriented transformation of tobacco sector in Turkey from a non-medical perspective. Furthermore, you can see interesting research papers on smoking habits of university students, inhaler usage in elderly patients, obstructive sleep apnoea, cytokine levels in bronchoalveolar lavage of tuberculin skin test-positive children, as well as interesting case reports.

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