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Swati Agarwal, Shalini Mullick, Kumud Gupta, Ravindra Kumar Dewan; New Delhi, India
Dear Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to announce the new issue on these beautiful days that we are welcoming the spring. We hope that the freshness and the beauty of the spring will impact our daily life. We would also like to celebrate both your spring festival and 14 March Medicine Festival.

In this issue, we are hoping to gain your appreciation with interesting articles including four research articles, two review articles and two case reports. Huriye Berk Takır and colleagues highlighted a controversial issue in their article, in which they investigated the effect of total parenteral nutrition on the mortality of patients with severe sepsis in intensive care unit. On the other hand, Recep Ustaalioğlu and colleagues retrospectively reviewed the data belong to 404 thoracic trauma patients in their clinics. Öznur Kılıç Soylar and her friends reported the comparison of patients with community-acquired pneumonia who did and did not receive treatment in accordance with the 2009 pneumonia guidelines of the Turkish Thoracic Society. Ayşe Başçoğlu and her friends reported the prevalence of allergic diseases and associated risk factors in children and adults in Erzurum. Osman Elbek highlighted the ethical problems in tuberculosis control with a very interesting review article. In another interesting review article, Sibel Atış Naycı, PJ Barnes and their colleagues updated COPD with recent data in year 2014.

We wish you all happy and healthy days until our next issue in July 2015.

With best wishes,

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