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Editorial

Dear Readers,

We are happy to be with you with the first issue of EAJEM in 2016. It is our pleasure to see the manuscripts published in each issue has higher quality than the previous ones. We have seven original articles this month. Two of them points out pneumonia. The first article is about the prognostic power of serum surfactant protein D levels in children. The second one tries to identify whether the Amino-Terminal Fragment of Pro-Brain Natriuretic Peptide in Plasma identifies mortality or not. We have got two articles associated with trauma. The first one will be about one of the lesser evaluated topics in the emergency: Corneal injuries and abuse of topical drugs in workers. The second one will aim preliminary results of one of the untouched areas in Muslim countries: Abusive Head Trauma in Turkey. We hope these published pioneer trauma studies may lead to multicentric prospective studies to enlighten deeper points in the future.

We have also topics about Out-of-Hospital Cardiopulmonary Arrest Cases and Acute Abdominal and Flank Pain. For toxicologic emergencies, writers from far abroad contributed in this issue sharing their experience about Acute Zinc Phosphide Poisoning.

We think the topics and results will be discussed long in the corridors of the hotel that 3rd Intercontinental Emergency Medicine Congress, 3rd International Critical Care and Emergency Medicine Congress will be conducted. Our submit system is more simple now. We are ready to serve you for upcoming prospective manuscripts.

Hope to be with you in the near future issues,

With best regards,

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