

## Twenty Years of Duzce Medical Journal

Düzce Tıp Fakültesi Dergisi'nin Yirmi Yılı

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Duzce Medical Journal is an international open-access periodical journal published three times a year by the Duzce University Medical Faculty. Official name of the journal is Duzce Medical Journal (Duzce Med J) in English and Düzce Tıp Fakültesi Dergisi (Düzce Tıp Fak Derg) in Turkish with an e-ISSN 1307-671X. This is the first issue of the 21<sup>st</sup> volume of the journal and this editorial was written to briefly mention the past 20 years of the journal.

Duzce Medical Faculty was established in 1992 as a part of Abant İzzet Baysal University in the Duzce district of Bolu, and started its' educational activities in 1996. Duzce was declared as a province of Turkey in 1999. With the establishment of Duzce University in 2006, Abant İzzet Baysal University Duzce Medical Faculty has been continuing its' educational and academic activities as a part of Duzce University under the name of Duzce University Medical Faculty.

Duzce Medical Journal had started its publication life with the title of "Abant İzzet Baysal Üniversitesi Düzce Tıp Fakültesi Dergisi (AIBU Medical Journal)" in June 1999, when Duzce Medical Faculty was a branch of Abant İzzet Baysal University (Figure 1). The first issue it was launched as a general medicine journal which published of clinical and experimental studies, technical contributions and letters to the editor. Two issues were published annually in June and December, and the articles both in Turkish and English were accepted.

The first issue was 104 pages and there were eighteen articles, consisting of twelve research articles (one experimental study and eleven clinical studies), three reviews and three case reports (Table 1).

In the years 1999 and 2000, the journal released two issues annually, while the annual number of issues increased to three by the year 2001.

The first seven volumes of the journal were published with the name of Abant İzzet Baysal Üniversitesi Düzce Tıp Fakültesi Dergisi (AIBU Medical Journal) by the Abant İzzet Baysal University. After establishment of

Duzce University and Duzce University Medical Faculty in 2006 Abant İzzet Baysal Üniversitesi Düzce Tıp Fakültesi Dergisi (AIBU Medical Journal) changed its name to "Düzce Tıp Fakültesi Dergisi (Duzce Medical Journal)" and started to publish electronically by the Duzce University Medical Faculty.

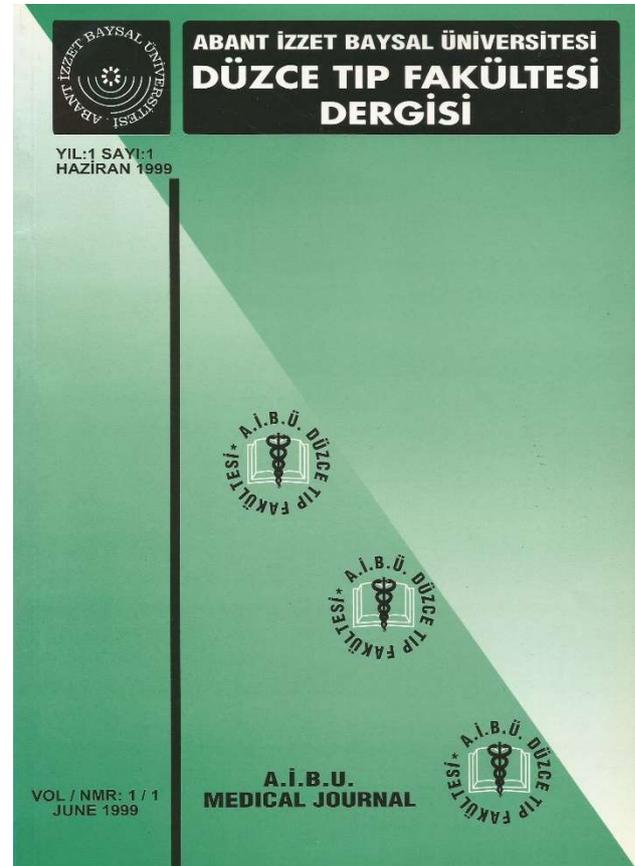


Figure 1. Cover of the first issue

**Table 1.** Percentage of articles for the first 20 volumes

Year	Volume	Issue	Research Article	Review	Case Report
1999	1	1	66.7	16.7	16.7
		2	52.9	29.4	17.6
2000	2	1	56.0	16.0	28.0
		2	50.0	30.0	20.0
2001	3	1	41.7	33.3	25.0
		2	63.6	18.2	18.2
		3	80.0	10.0	10.0
2002	4	1	38.5	30.8	30.8
		2	50.0	30.0	20.0
		3	40.0	30.0	30.0
2003	5	1	55.6	11.1	33.3
		2	62.5	12.5	25.0
		3	57.1	14.3	28.6
2004	6	1	50.0	37.5	12.5
		2	57.1	14.3	28.6
		3	33.3	22.2	44.4
2005	7	1	50.0	12.5	37.5
		2	50.0	12.5	37.5
		3	50.0	25.0	25.0
2006	8	1-2-3	25.0	25.0	50.0
		1	100.0	0.0	0.0
2007	9	2	55.6	11.1	33.3
		3	50.0	0.0	50.0
		1	55.6	11.1	33.3
2008	10	2	50.0	10.0	40.0
		3	41.2	5.9	52.9
		1	62.5	12.5	25.0
2009	11	2	55.6	11.1	33.3
		3	50.0	7.1	42.9
		1	54.5	9.1	36.4
2010	12	2	50.0	10.0	40.0
		3	50.0	0.0	50.0
		1	50.0	0.0	50.0
2011	13	2	61.5	7.7	30.8
		3	58.3	33.3	8.3
		1	68.8	0.0	31.3
2012	14	2	50.0	30.0	20.0
		3	57.1	14.3	28.6
		1	61.9	4.8	33.3
2013	15	2	73.3	6.7	20.0
		3	52.9	11.8	35.3
		1	63.6	13.6	22.7
2014	16	2	55.6	16.7	27.8
		3	57.1	14.3	28.6
		1	58.3	8.3	33.3
2015	17	2	58.3	8.3	33.3
		3	54.5	9.1	36.4
		1	50.0	30.0	20.0
2016	18	2	50.0	25.0	25.0
		3	50.0	12.5	37.5
		1	57.1	28.6	14.3
2017	19	2	50.0	16.7	33.3
		3	62.5	12.5	25.0
		1	57.1	0.0	42.9
2018	20	2	50.0	33.3	16.7
		3	62.5	12.5	25.0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>29.8</b>

\*Case report column includes letters to the editor

The first six volumes of the journal between 1999 and 2005 were published as printed version with an ISSN 1302-7948, and 7<sup>th</sup> volume was published both in print and online in PDF formats. It has been published online in PDF format on the website only since the 8<sup>th</sup> volume with an e-ISSN 1307-671X. All of the issues are available online in PDF format since 2005.

There were no interruptions during the publication period of the journal, since 2006. This year was the establishment period of Duzce University and Duzce University Medical Faculty, thus 8<sup>th</sup> volume has been published as one issue combining three issues in this year.

The journal began to use DergiPark Akademik online submission and peer-review system from 19<sup>th</sup> volume with the new editorial board taking over. Currently it continues to publish new volumes and accept submissions via this system on its new website <http://dergipark.gov.tr/dtfd>. Changing the submission system of the journal was one of the actions of the new editorial board when appointed in February 2018, the other change was the renewal of the cover page. Starting from the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of 19<sup>th</sup> volume, the new cover of the journal with the colors of Duzce University and the logo of the Duzce University Medical Faculty has begun to use (Figure 2).

In addition, all processes such as author guidelines, writing rules, double-blinded peer-reviewed principles, and compliance of articles with scientific publication standards were checked, and updates and improvements were made if necessary. Author guidelines, writing rules and review process for an article are included in detail on the website.

**Figure 2.** New cover of the journal since 19<sup>th</sup> volume

A total of 677 articles consisting of 373 (55.1%) research articles, 102 (15.1%) reviews and 202 (29.8%) case reports or letters to the editor were published in first 20 volumes of until today (Table 1).

In 2018, acknowledgement announcement of the editorial board after publishing last issue of 20<sup>th</sup> volume was as follows briefly “We would like to thank to our authors, editorial board members, and reviewers for their contributions to Duzce Medical Journal with all our respect. With your collaborations, we are glad to inform that our sincere and dedicated efforts will persist in order to enhance our journal’s vision, recognition, and to establish it into increased number of national and international databases, and indexes.”

Starting from the 21<sup>st</sup> volume within this year, another change of the new editorial board is to publish invited reviews only.

Now, Duzce Medical Journal has completed 20 years of publication with an enthusiastic effort to take place in the international arena by applying high ethical standards, in particular and adheres to the internationally accepted criteria of modern medical journalism.

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