EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

As we publish the second issue of our journal for the year 2023, we are deeply saddened by the recent massive earthquakes that struck Turkey and Syria on February 6, 2023, resulting in the loss of many lives. In this moment of grief, we have decided to dedicate the cover page of this issue of our journal to black as a symbol of mourning. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have lost their lives and their loved ones, and we wish a speedy recovery to the wounded.

Despite this tragedy, we are presenting 13 Research Articles, 1 Short Communication, and 1 Case Report in this issue of our journal. Among the authors of these articles are our academic colleagues who unfortunately lost their lives in the earthquake disaster. The academic community, like many other sectors, has been deeply affected by this catastrophe, and we hope that the wounds caused by this disaster will heal soon. We are grateful for the support extended by both the affected countries and the global community during this challenging time. The recovery process will take time, but we are confident that with the support of all stakeholders, we will overcome this tragedy and emerge stronger. On behalf of the Editorial Board, we express our deepest gratitude to all the individuals and organizations who have extended support to the earthquake victims.

Finally, we extend our respects to all our readers, and we hope that such sufferings will never occur again.

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