

EDITORIAL NEWS

“The Turkish Journal of Cancer” A long journey from hand typesetting to electronic printing

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The Turkish Journal of Cancer realizes another major innovation in the year 2003.

With this issue, entire publication procedures, from submission of the manuscript to the peer reviews and final publication will be processed electronically.

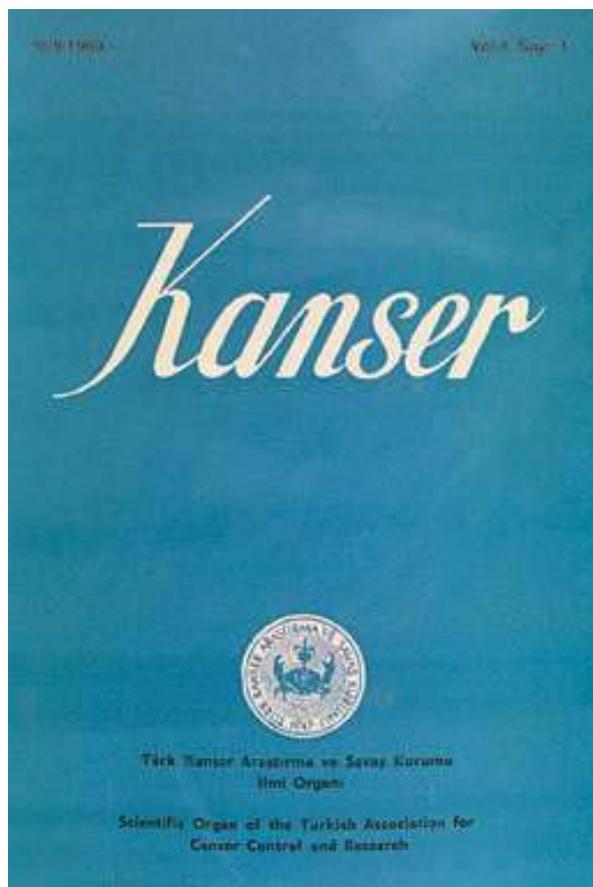


Fig 1. Kanser Journal published from 1969 to 1975

The Journal; when first published semi-annually in 1969 in Turkish language as “KANSER” was the only scientific cancer journal in Turkey. For over 10 years, this Journal remained as a platform to communicate the scientific informations and the results of the researches conducted in Turkey to the oncologists in this country and abroad (Figure 1).

Pursuing the first National Cancer Congress in Turkey, in 1975, our editorial board has decided to publish the journal in English as well as in Turkish in separate issues in order to open a wider global window to the outside world for the Turkish oncologists (Figures 2 and 3).

In spite of the generous sponsorship of the Turkish Association for Cancer Research and Control, the difficult and time consuming tasks of the translations, corrections of the hand typesettings, the semi-annual publication of the KANSER in both languages continued for five years, thanks to the relentless and self sacrificing efforts of our editors and editorial assistants.

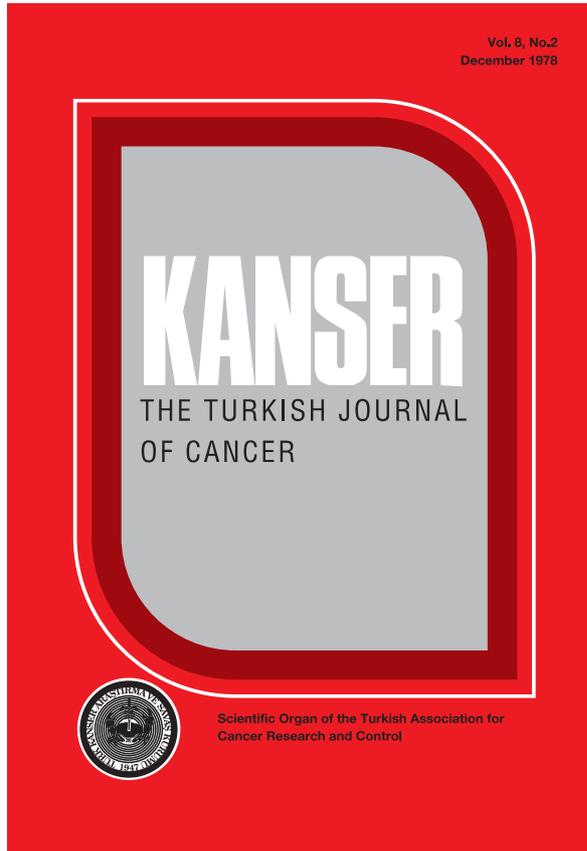


Fig 2. Journal published in English as well as in Turkish in separate issues from 1975 to 1980

Another major step was taken in 1980 by the editorial board to change the format and the name of the KANSER journal to TURKISH JOURNAL OF CANCER and publish it this time quarterly in English language only (Figure 4). This decision was based mainly on the fact that other cancer journals in Turkish have begun to be published in Turkey and therefore the Turkish version of our journal was no longer a necessity.

Although the Turkish Journal of Cancer was sent to the major overseas cancer centers and libraries, the inclusion of our journal into the international indices was necessary to reach to a broader groups of readers. Indeed this innovation facilitated the inclusion of the Turkish Journal of Cancer in Excerpta Medica (EMBASE), one of the major scientific index; some other indices, no longer available to date, such as Cancer Line and Cancerlit followed.

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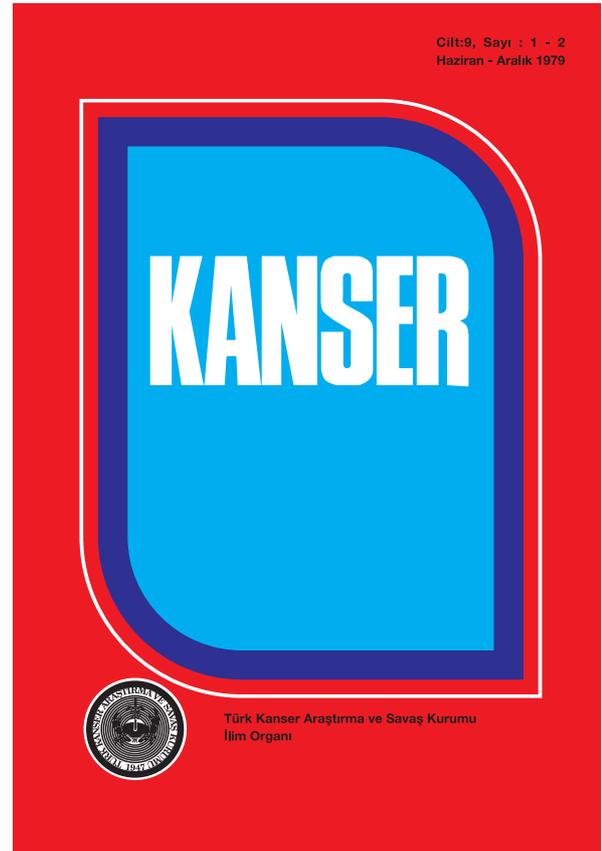


Fig 3. Journal published in English as well as in Turkish in separate issues from 1975 to 1980

only peer reviewed cancer journal published in English in Turkey until now as an important scientific platform of communication for the oncologists throughout the world. Timely reviews of important topics by the internationally renowned experts and the research experiences from many scientists abroad were published from time to time.

At the beginning of the year 2002, the Turkish Journal of Cancer had a website (www.turkjcancer.org) in which the journal could be reached in full pages; including the abstracts of the articles for last 10 years. The interest shown to its availability through website, encouraged us to initiate the full electronic processing of the publication. Our scientific contributors can now forward their manuscripts through our website, which will be reviewed the same way by our reviewers, and published if accepted.

Together with this recent innovation, we have also renewed our editorial board, including many new mem-



Fig 4. The Turkish Journal of Cancer published from 1980 to 2003

bers from Turkey and overseas and have changed the format of our journal in order to publish a greater number of submitted manuscripts in a shorter time than our existing 6 months average time from the submission to the final publication (Figure 5).

We plan to continue to publish the Turkish Journal of Cancer quarterly, also in printed form until the time comes when the printed version will be no longer necessary.

Our journal have progressed continuously for the last decades, thanks to the interest and encouragement of our readers. Your lasting scientific supports and contributions will enable us to render even better services to the entire oncology community at home and abroad.



Fig 5. The new format of the Turkish Journal of Cancer