Dear colleagues,

Year 2021 is coming to an end. It has been a year of toughest hardships for many of us. We lost our loved ones, friends and colleagues. Especially hard this year has hit doctors and medical staff who led the fight against the covid-19 pandemic on the frontlines.

Our Editorial Board suffered a heavy loss. In October 2021 our friend and a rigorous scholar from Kazakhstan, pediatric surgeon Prof. Nurlan Akhparov died of COVID-19. Prof. Akhparov worked in medicine for 40 years and for 28 years he headed the Department of Pediatric Surgery at Scientific Center of Pediatrics and Pediatric Surgery, Almaty, Kazakhstan. Prof. Nurlan Akhparov performed over 10,000 surgeries and introduced 21 new surgical procedures in Kazakhstan.

However, our Journal gained certain achievements in 2021. It has been developing and we are proudly presenting 6 issues: five of them are already published and the 6th one is just on its way. The Editorial Board is becoming more international and interdisciplinary, which is positively influences the quality of the journal.

We wish all members of the editorial board, all our reviewers, authors and readers success and prosperity, sound health and happiness in New Year 2022! Let you in full swing enjoy the challenge of working in medicine. Let no boundaries curb your creative spirit either in your work or in your private life.