



**FROM THE EDITOR**

Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to present you the third and last issue of 2019 just a few days before New Year's Day. In this issue we have one review, five research articles and two case reports. The review is on mastocytosis, and includes the epidemiology, diagnostic steps and treatment of this disorder in detail. The first research article discusses the approaches of family physicians to the diagnosis and treatment of bronchial asthma. The second article reports the results of a retrospective evaluation of idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura patients. You can find the pollen types and densities and the pollen seasons of the main pollen producers in Karacabey-Bursa area in the third research article. The high concentration of Ambrosia pollen in the atmosphere of this area as reported in this paper is interesting because it has previously been reported as present only in small amounts in many parts of Turkey. The internet and social media are widely used all over the world including our country. One of their uses is for health issues but all the data or information does not seem to be safe. Our fourth article shows the internet use habits of the parents of children with food allergy. The diagnosis of bronchiectasis due to some etiologic factors tends to decrease in the daily clinical practice of chest physicians. Our last research article is on the risk factors for bronchiectasis in adult patients with common variable immunodeficiency. The two case reports are also related to mastocytosis as the review.

Since we are now in the last days of 2019, as the editorial team we wish you a happy new year full of joy, health and peace.

Sincerely yours,

**Gül KARAKAYA**

Editor