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"II. International Colorectal Surgery Congress and XIX. National Colon and Rectal Surgery Congress" was held on May 16-20, 2023, at Susesi Convention Center in Antalya. More than 1200 of surgeons participated in the congress, which had an extremely rich scientific program, where current issues in colorectal surgery were discussed, 18 surgeons from different countries who are internationally renowned in their field and have great contribution to the literature. As Turkish Journal of Colorectal Disease (TJCD), we would like to thank Prof. Feza Yarbug Karakayali, the chairperson; Prof. Dr. Feza Yarbuğ Karakayali, the secretary; Prof. Aras Emre Canda, the members of organizing committee of the congress, and the President of the Turkish Society of Colon and Rectum Surgery (TSCRS), Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ayhan Kuzu and the members of executive committee of TSCRS, who organized this wonderful congress.

In this congress, TJCD achieved several important firsts with the support of TSCRS and organizing committee of the congress. We brought together our reviewers in the TJCD reviewer pool with the editors-in-chief of the most respected journals in the fields of colorectal surgery and surgery in the "Editors Meet Reviewers" session. The editors-in-chief, Prof. Susan Galandiuk (Disease of the Colon and Rectum), Prof Neil Smart (Colorectal Disease) and Prof. Wim Ceelen (Acta Chirurgica Belgica), who participated in the session, explained what to pay attention to from the editor's point of view when reviewing an article as a reviewer on various topics. As TJCD, our goal is to turn the referee-editor meeting, which we organized as a session in this congress, into a workshop in future congresses to include authors as well.

In this congress, the editorial board of TJCD selected the articles published in the journal between 2021-2022 as "Anal Fissure Patients: Before Treatment, First Consider Irritable Bowel Syndrome, Defecation Disorder and Psychopathology. Neriman Şengül, Özden Ansoy, Direnç Yiğit, Ufuk Arslan. Turk J Colorectal Dis 2022;32: 238-244" and awarded the "TJCD Best Article Award" (Figure 1). Another award was the "Best Article Award in Colorectal Surgery Published from Centers in Turkey".

According to the criteria determined by the editorial board of TJCD, among the articles published between 2021-2022, "Unroofing Curettage Versus Modified Limberg Flap in Pilonidal Disease: A Retrospective Cohort Study. Alpaslan Sahin, Gurcan Simsek, Kemal Arslan. Dis Colon Rectum. 2022;65(10):1241-1250." was found eligible for the award (Figure 2).

TJCD will continue to give the awards, the first of which they were given this year, at the International Colorectal Surgery Congress and National Colon and Rectal Surgery Congress, which are held every two years from now on. "TJCD Best Article Award" and "Best Article Award in Colorectal Surgery Published from Centers in Turkey" will be awarded according to the following criteria.

Criteria for the "TJCD Best Article Award"

1. Original research articles will be included in the evaluation. Articles in the categories of case report, case series, review, technical note, short note, letter to the editor or video presentation will be not evaluated.
2. For an article to be included in the evaluation, it is not sufficient to have a "doi number", but it must have been published in the year of the evaluation and must have a volume and page number.
3. The order of priority will be randomized controlled trial, cohort study, case-control study.
4. The originality of the researched topic will be taken into consideration and multicenter studies will be prioritized.
5. Authors will be considered to have no conflict of interest with TJCD and TSCRS.

Criteria for the "Best Published Article Award in Colorectal Surgery from Centers in Turkey"

1. Original research articles will be included in the evaluation. Articles in the categories of case report, case series, review, technical note, short note, letter to the editor or video presentation will be evaluated.



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2. For an article to be included in the evaluation, it is not sufficient to have a “doi number”, but it must have been published in the year of the evaluation and must have a volume and page number.
3. The “Quartile” categories of the journals in which the articles were published were based on Web of Science data. For journals listed in more than one field category (for example, listed in both “Gastroenterology & Hepatology” and “Surgery” categories), the “Quartile” value in the “Surgery” category will be taken as the basis.
4. Among the journals in the same quartile category, priority will be given to the article in the journal with the higher “impact factor.”
5. Authors should not have any conflict of interest with TJCD and TKRCD.



Figure 1: “TJCD Best Article Award” winners, Neriman Sengul and Direnc Yigit, receiving their award certificates from the editor-in-chief, Fatma Ayca Gultekin

6. Only studies conducted in centers in Turkey are included in the evaluation. Joint studies with foreign centers, studies where the corresponding author is from a foreign center, or joint center studies conducted during the period when the corresponding author is temporarily abroad will not be evaluated.

TJCD is also pleased to announce that the corresponding authors of the awarded articles will have their congress registration and accommodation fees covered by the TSCRS.

The goal of TJCD is to contribute valuable publications to the colorectal surgery literature of Turkey and the world. To this end, TJCD will continue to give awards and organize courses to improve the quality of articles published in the journal.



Figure 2: ““BestArticle Award in Colorectal Surgery Published from Centers in Turkey”.” winners, Alpaslan Sahin, Gurcan Simsek, Kemal Arslan, receiving their award certificates from the co editor; İlknur Erenler Bayraktar.