

Inquiry to inclusion of papers among Turkey's 2012 cardiovascular publications

To the Editor,

I have carefully read the scientific letter sent by Prof. Dr. Altan Onat and published in the *Anatolian Journal of Cardiology* in 2013 ; 13: 592-3. titled "Perturbative decline in cardiovascular publications in recent years in Turkey". We have scrutinized our publications as we have seen no statement in the manuscript related to the Department of Cardiology in Ankara University Faculty of Medicine, and we identified the publications presented in the attachment.

Efficacy and safety of apixaban compared with warfarin according to patient risk of stroke and of bleeding in atrial fibrillation: a secondary analysis of a randomized controlled trial.

Lopes RD, Al-Khatib SM, Wallentin L, Yang H, Ansell J, Bahit MC, De Caterina R, Dorian P, Easton JD, Erol C, Ezekowitz JA, Gersh BJ, Granger CB, Hohnloser SH, Horowitz J, Hylek EM, McMurray JJ, Mohan P, Vinereanu D, Alexander JH. *Lancet*. 2012 Nov 17;380(9855):1749-58. doi: 10.1016/S0140-6736(12)60986-6. Epub 2012 Oct 2. Erratum in: *Lancet*. 2013 Jan 19;381(9862):204.

Full Text Articles in 2012

Effect of hypertension on coronary remodeling patterns in angiographically normal or minimally atherosclerotic coronary arteries: an intravascular ultrasound study.

Candemir B, Ertaş FS, Özdöl C, Kaya CT, Kılıçkap M, Akyürek O, Atmaca Y, Kumbasar D, Erol C. *ClinExpHypertens*. 2012;34(6):432-8. doi: 10.3109/10641963.2012.665544. Epub 2012 Apr 13.

Web Address:

Intracoronary versus intravenous high-dose bolus plus maintenance administration of tirofiban in patients undergoing primary percutaneous coronary intervention for acute ST elevation myocardial infarction <http://informahealthcare.com/page/ceh/Description#AimsAndScope> Candemir B, Kılıçkap M, Özcan OU, Kaya CT, Gerece M, Özdemir AO, Özdöl C, Kumbasar D, Erol C. *J Thromb Thrombolysis*. 2012 Jul;34(1):65-72. DOI: 10.1007/s11239-012-0685-y.

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Author's Reply

To the Editor,

I appreciate the remarks of authors with respect to my assessment(1) regarding Turkey's publications in the field of cardiovascular

medicine in 2012. He anticipates that the Department of Cardiology in Ankara University Faculty of Medicine will find a place among the other centers that I have included in the institution list with two articles and one randomized multicenter study published in that period. The surveys I have been making for over twenty years are based on virtually traditional fixed criteria. It was previously explained that the contribution of an individual cardiology department in a joint study conducted in collaboration with another center abroad or a national non-cardiology department was credited with a fractional count based on the precedence and number of the authors in the study. In order to set a baseline standard, I have excluded the journals not indexed by Thomson Reuters ISI print editions (or Non-Expanded Science Citation Index).

Accordingly, the article published in *J ThrombThrombolys*, which is only indexed by SCI Expanded, was not qualified to be included. The related department that taking part in a randomized multicenter study on Apixaban received 0.05 point. This totals to 1.05 points, along with the article published in *Clin & Exp Hypertens*, and this implies that the relevant institution would barely be included in the selected list I prepared. I hope this explanation will be satisfactory.

In this connection, I would like to articulate that both Ankara University Faculty of Medicine (2, 3) and its affiliated Cardiology Department (4) are two institutions used to be ranked among 5-8 distinguished institutions with significant scientific contribution we take proud. Even though the diminished support that the scientific milieu receives by the country may be regarded as an excuse, I hope our cardiology colleagues in this reputable institution will do their best not to fray at the edges.

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Mean platelet volume may not be related to clopidogrel resistance in patients with acute coronary syndrome

To the Editor,

We read with great interest the research article by Uzel et al. (1) published in March issue of *The Anatolian Journal of Cardiology* 2014;