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With this issue, we are completing the first volume of the *Balkan ORL-HNS*. We are pleased with the international interest in the journal and would like to express our gratitude for all the contributions. I would like to share some statistics regarding the journal's review process.

Since the journal's establishment at the beginning of 2023, we received 56 submissions (including re-submissions). The international diversity of these submissions is promising for the future of the journal. About two-thirds of the submissions were from Balkan countries, with Romania and Türkiye leading, each contributing 6 submissions, followed by Bulgaria, Greece, Serbia and North Macedonia. The second most representing region was the Mediterranean, with submissions from Tunisia, Cyprus, Italy, and Portugal. We also received submissions from Japan, the United Kingdom, the USA, India and Iraq.

Our reviewers are also diverse and highly respected experts in their fields. Thirteen of the 31 reviewers who responded and completed a review were from Türkiye, 8 from Romania, with the remaining from Greece, Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Albania and Korea. We greatly appreciate their rigorous attention during the review process and their valuable recommendations.

Most of the papers we received and reviewed were research papers, which is why we have primarily published original articles. The acceptance rate is 73.9%. The average review time from the first submission has been 46.8 days, and the average review time from the first submission to the final decision has been 70.7 days. Original research submissions have been twice as likely to be accepted compared to case reports (80% versus 40%).

We look forward to receiving your submissions and contributions to the *Balkan ORL-HNS*, the official scientific peer-reviewed diamond open access journal (no charges for authors or readers) of the Balkan Association of ORL-HNS.

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