EDITORIAL

6th Anniversary Editorial

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I feel highly honored and privileged to write this editorial. This first 2020 issue of Frontiers in Biomedical Technology (FBT) is a milestone for our journal. In its Seventh volume, FBT is now six years young. The journal was launched by Advanced Medical Technologies and Equipment Institute (AMTEI) in Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS) in 2014 to serve the Medical Physics and Biomedical Technologies community, including academia, industry, and clinicians. We thank many people who have supported us along the journey, as well as to the many contributors who have submitted their exceptional work to our journal.

It also seems appropriate to review the journal's history in this editorial. FBT journal publishes different type of articles such as Editorial, Original article, Case report, Commentary, Review article, Short report, Technical note, etc.

The first issue of FBT appeared 6 years ago, in 2014. On average, we publish roughly 60 pages (i.e., approximately 8 articles) per issue. In the interval of 2014-2019, we published almost 120 articles.

In the period of 2014-2018, we published more than 90 papers, which almost appeared as original article, however in 2019, we published five types of article, including Editorial, Original article, Review article, Short report, and Technical note.

Although the journal had started its work in 2014, by 2015 the number of articles had a good trend until 2016 to 2018 received not as expected, but with the circadian effort and team working of all of the journal's contributors in 2019 it was well deserved. We hope that this trend will rise in 2020 and future years.

If we examine the last six years in the Figure 1, we will notice this trend as well.

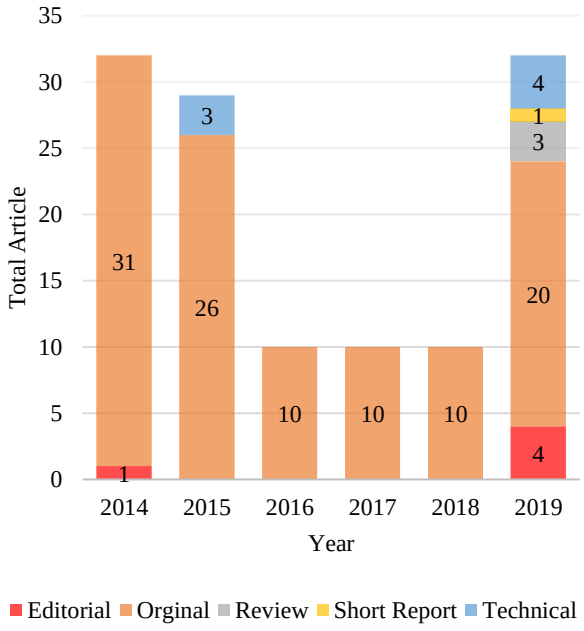

Figure. 1 The process of journal operation since 2014 to 2019

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The average number of days between the date the manuscript was received and obtained Acceptance Letter from the reviewer is 45 days; therefore, this is an important point in attracting the contributions because the scientific, rigorous and rapid reviewing process is carried out by empowered committees of academics across the country. Notice that publishing articles in this journal will be completely free (Open access).

The important point is that any changes in the Journal will be carefully considered in the light of whether they meet the Journal's scope and aims, and the wishes of its readers and authors. The success of the journal is reflected in the indexing, which now exceeds Directory of Research Journal Indexing (DRJI), EBSCO, Google Scholar, Magiran, Ulrich, ROAD ISSN Directory, Worldcat and ElmiPajooheshi. Now entering its sixth year, the journal has been in a stronger position. This is due to the combined efforts of a strong editorial board with a range of specialist expertise in all areas of medical physics, biomedical engineering and other new advanced health technologies.

Finally, a special debt of gratitude is owed to our reviewers and members of the editorial board whose work maintains the scientific standards of the journal without which we could never reach this threshold. With the continued support of the academia, industry and clinicians community, we hope to continue to deliver a wide spectrum of stimulating papers which will inspire our readers and contribute to the progress in researchers, engineers, scientists and other professionals in biomedical technologies to record, publish and share ideas and research findings that serve to enhance the understanding of medical imaging methods and systems, nano imaging and nanotechnology, surgical navigation, medical robotics, biomechanical and bioelectrical systems, and stem cell technology.