

Alp Can

Alp Can received his medical degree from Ankara University School of Medicine in 1987 and completed the graduate program in human histology and embryology in 1990 and graduated as “specialist in histology and embryology”. He was then promoted to associate professorship in 1996; and to full professorship in 2003. He is currently chairing the **Department of Histology and Embryology at Ankara University School of Medicine**. Dr. Can had taken two sabbatical leave for working in the departments of Anatomy and Cell Biology at **London King’s College**, UK for a year (1991); and in **Tufts University** at Boston (1994-1995) as a visiting scientist.

Dr. Can has an extensive background teaching medical and graduate students, as well as postdoctoral fellows in cell and tissue biology. He conducted several studies related to cytoskeletal properties of gametes during meiotic cell division starting from early 90s until mid-2000s. Then, he was interested in the human mesenchymal stem/stromal cells particularly originated from human umbilical cord. His published articles (around 80) were cited around 3000 times, so far. He had registered one patent in that field.

Dr. Can received the Ankara University Science Award in 2013. He is the member of **Stem Cells Work Groups** founded under **The Turkish Academy of Sciences**. He is the member of the Editorial Board of **World Journal of Stem Cells** and reviews articles for around 20 different journals in stem cell biology and related technologies. He is the member of the **Stem Cell Advisory Board for Clinical Trials** at the Ministry of Health since 2008. Dr. Can published the book entitled as “**Stem Cells. Biology, Types and Clinical Applications**” in late 2013. He is currently the editor of “**Stem Cell Bulletin**”.