

Deep Research: Wanna Be Taller

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Investigative Report: “Wanna Be Taller” Limb Lengthening Clinic & Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yunus Öç

Executive Summary

This report provides a comprehensive due diligence investigation into “Wanna Be Taller,” a prominent limb lengthening and height reduction medical tourism facilitator based in Istanbul, Turkey. The entity operates under the legal name **Bul Sağlık Danışmanlık ve Turizm Limited Şirketi** (trading as Medzonía Travel Agency). The clinic is founded by İbrahim Algan, a former patient, and the lead surgeon is Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yunus Öç.

Key Findings: * **Legitimacy:** The company is a legally registered Turkish limited liability company with valid tax and tourism (TURSAB) registrations . * **Medical Partner:** Surgeries are performed at BHT Clinic Istanbul Tema Hospital, which holds verified JCI accreditation . * **Safety Record:** While the clinic markets successful outcomes, investigative journalism by *The Guardian* (August 2025) confirmed a **patient death** (a Saudi national) due to a blood clot following surgery at this specific clinic . * **Surgeon Credentials:** Dr. Yunus Öç is a verified Orthopedic and Traumatology specialist with Associate Professor status and publications in SCI-Expanded indexed journals, validating his academic claims . * **Pricing:** Costs have risen significantly, with the internal “Precice” method nearly doubling in price between 2020 and 2025 .

1. Corporate History and Legal Structure

Legal Entity and Registration

“Wanna Be Taller” is not a hospital itself but a medical tourism facilitator brand. The underlying legal entity is **Bul Sağlık Danışmanlık ve Turizm Limited Şirketi** (Bul Health Consulting and Tourism Limited Company).

- **Establishment Date:** May 2, 2019 .
- **Tax Identity:** The company is active and registered with the **Avcılar Tax Office** (Avcılar Vergi Dairesi).
 - **Tax Number:** 1880965894 .
- **Trade Registry:** Registered with the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce (ITO).
 - **Registry Number:** 190871-5 .
- **TURSAB License:** The company operates under the tourism license **Medzonía Travel Agency**, License No: **13226** . This “Group A” travel agency license is a mandatory requirement

for entities in Turkey engaging in health tourism facilitation (intermediary services) .

Parent Companies and Structure

There is no evidence of a larger holding parent company; it appears to be a privately held limited liability company focused specifically on medical tourism (hair transplant, obesity, and orthopedics) . The company “Medzonía” is effectively the trading arm for the travel and logistical aspects of the business, while “Wanna Be Taller” serves as the consumer-facing brand for orthopedic procedures.

2. Founder Profile: İbrahim Algan

Background and Patient History

İbrahim Algan is the founder and “Head Coordinator” of the clinic. His marketing narrative relies heavily on his personal experience as a limb lengthening patient. * **Education:** He studied Psychological Counseling and Guidance at university and worked as a school counselor prior to entering the medical tourism sector . * **Patient Journey:** Algan stood at 161 cm (5 ft 2.8 in) in 2015. He underwent two separate lengthening surgeries: 1. **June 2015:** Femur lengthening using the Holyfix (external) method. 2. **March 2020:** Tibia lengthening using the LON (Combined) method. * **Result:** He claims a total height increase of 12 cm, reaching 173 cm (5 ft 6.7 in) . * **Motivation:** Algan cites “height neurosis” and insecurity as his primary motivation, stating he felt he “started 1-0 down” in life due to his stature .

Business Growth

Algan founded the business following his own surgeries, identifying a gap in the market for patient-to-patient consultancy. The company was formally incorporated in 2019 (Bul Sağlık Danışmanlık), though the brand claims a history starting around 2015/2016, likely referring to Algan’s personal entry into the community or informal consultancy prior to formal incorporation . The clinic has grown from a consultancy to a full-service agency employing roughly 20-28 staff members, including patient coordinators and physiotherapists .

3. Dr. Yunus Öç: Credentials Verification

Academic and Professional Career

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yunus Öç is the lead surgeon for the clinic. * **Education:** * Medical Degree: Istanbul University, Istanbul Faculty of Medicine (2002–2008) . * Residency: Şişli Etfal Training and Research Hospital, Orthopedics and Traumatology (2009–2014) . * **Academic Title:** He holds the title of **Associate Professor** (Doçent Doktor). He served as a faculty member at **Beykent University** (approx. 2021–2024) . * **Hospital Affiliations:** * Past: Batman Kozluk State Hospital (Service time), Private Vega Hospital, Private Medi Life Hospital . * Current: **BHT Clinic Istanbul Tema Hospital** .

Publications and SCI/SSCI Claims

Dr. Öç claims to have published in SCI (Science Citation Index) or SSCI indexed journals. This claim is **verified**. * **Verified Journal:** He has published in *Acta Orthopaedica et Traumatologica*

Turcica (AOTT). * **Index Status:** AOTT is indexed in **Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-E)**, PubMed, and Scopus . * **Specific Publications:** * *Brown tumor and hyperparathyroidism in orthopedic surgery* (Turkish Journal of Osteoporosis, 2021) . * *The Evaluation of Results of Repair using All-Soft Suture Anchor...* (Acta Chir Orthop Traumatol Cech, 2020) . * *Isokinetic dynamometer evaluation...* (Journal of Exercise Rehabilitation, 2015) . * **Google Scholar:** A profile exists for him, citing works on distal radius fractures, hyperparathyroidism, and anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction . His research background is legitimate and aligns with standard academic requirements for an Associate Professor in Turkey.

Tenure with Wanna Be Taller

Dr. Öç appears to have become the primary face of the clinic around 2020–2021. Prior to focusing on cosmetic lengthening, his background was in general trauma and orthopedics .

4. Hospital Partner: BHT Clinic Istanbul Tema Hospital

The clinic does not own its own hospital; it contracts with **BHT Clinic Istanbul Tema Hospital** for surgical facilities.

Accreditation and Quality

- **JCI Verification:** BHT Clinic is **JCI (Joint Commission International) Accredited**. It received this accreditation in its first year of operation, certifying it under the 7th edition standards .
- **LEED Certification:** The building holds a LEED Gold Certificate for environmental design .

Facility Details

- **Location:** Atakent, 221. Sk. No: 18 B, 34307 Küçükçekmece/İstanbul. (Part of the Bahat Health Group).
- **Capacity:** 450 beds and 18 operating rooms (2 hybrid) .
- **Infrastructure:** The hospital is a major, multidisciplinary facility (“general hospital”) equipped with advanced oncology, cardiology, and orthopedic departments . This contradicts the notion of a “small clinic”; it is a large-scale private hospital.

5. Office Location: Beyaz Center

Address Analysis

- **Address:** Cihangir Mah. E5 Karayolu üzeri Beyaz Center B Blok No:51, Avcılar, Istanbul .
- **Nature of Location:** The “Beyaz Center” is a mixed-use commercial complex situated on the E-5 Highway. It is **not** a hospital. It serves as the administrative headquarters for Medzonion/Wanna Be Taller.
- **Office Cluster:** The building is a hub for various service providers, particularly in health and consultancy.
 - **Other Entities:** The address is shared or neighbors with entities like “Cihangir Sağlık Kabini,” hair transplant clinics, and other medical consultancies .

- **Connection to Surgeon:** Dr. Yunus Öç is explicitly listed at this address in some directories, indicating this is his private practice office (muayenehane) separate from the hospital .
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6. Patient Reviews, Complaints, and Safety Records

The “Saudi Patient” Death (Critical Finding)

A significant safety incident was uncovered in a report by *The Guardian* (August 17, 2025). * **Incident:** A patient from Saudi Arabia died from a blood clot (pulmonary embolism) 16 days after undergoing leg lengthening surgery. * **Clinic Admission:** A representative from “Wanna Be Taller” confirmed to *The Guardian* that this patient was one of theirs. They stated that an investigation by Saudi authorities found “no fault” with their surgeon, implying the death occurred after the patient returned home or during the recovery phase . * **Context:** The article also mentions another patient, “Frank,” who suffered a pulmonary embolism but survived. The clinic claimed these were the only two blood clot incidents out of 700 clients .

Online Reviews

- **Trustpilot:** The clinic has a score of approx. 4.0–4.2/5 stars. The review count is relatively low (approx. 5-8 reviews cited in snippets) compared to larger competitors like “LiveLifeTaller” .
 - *Note:* Trustpilot displays a warning that they do not fact-check reviews, and positive reviews on such platforms in the medical tourism sector are often incentivized or curated.
 - **Reddit (r/limblengthening):** Sentiment is mixed to negative regarding Turkey in general.
 - Users frequently warn that Turkish clinics “will botch you” and blame complications on the patient being “lazy” with physiotherapy .
 - Specific threads ask about “Wanna Be Taller,” with users expressing skepticism about the “success stories” versus “horror stories” prevalent in the industry .
 - **Lawsuits:** There is no public record of successful medical malpractice lawsuits against the clinic in Turkey. Reddit discussions suggest that malpractice suits in Turkey are extremely difficult for foreigners to win (“non-existent”) .
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7. Press Coverage: Journalism vs. Paid Placement

The clinic features logos of *The Guardian*, *Business Insider*, and *iNews* on its website.

- **The Guardian (Genuine Journalism):** The coverage by *The Guardian* (articles from 2022 and 2025) appears to be **genuine investigative journalism**, not paid placement.
 - *Tone:* The articles are critical and highlight the “hell” patients go through, the pain, the financial cost, and explicitly mention the death of the Saudi patient .
 - *Usage:* Paradoxically, the clinic uses these logos for “social proof” despite the articles containing damaging information about the risks and the specific death linked to them.
- **Business Insider:** The article focuses on Founder İbrahim Algan’s story (“I Paid \$27,000. . .”). This reads more like a “human interest” profile often pitched by PR agencies, though not necessarily a paid “advertorial” in the strict sense. It frames the narrative positively around Algan’s transformation .

- **iNews:** Similar to Business Insider, focusing on the “modern pressure of male vanity” and citing Algan .

Conclusion: The press coverage is real (not fake websites), but the clinic selectively highlights the exposure while the actual content of the major pieces (Guardian) serves as a severe warning regarding safety.

8. Pricing History and Trends

The clinic’s pricing has escalated significantly, tracking the global inflation in medical device costs and the clinic’s growing brand.

Method	~2020 Price (USD/EUR)	~2022 Price (USD)	2025/2026 Price (USD)	Notes
LON (Combined)	N/A	\$22,850	\$26,400	External fixator + nail.
Precice 2	€37,250 (approx \$40k)	\$46,000	\$58,000	Fully internal magnetic nail.
Fitbone	N/A	N/A	\$54,000	Motorized nail.
Precice Stryde	€52,250	Discontinued	Discontinued	Recalled globally due to issues.

- **Trend:** There was a sharp increase in the Precice method price (from ~\$46k to ~\$58k) between 2022 and 2025. This reflects the monopoly of NuVasive (manufacturer) and high demand.
- **Height Reduction:** Priced at **\$26,400** for the LON method equivalent (internal nail + temporary removal) .

9. Licensing Status (Ministry of Health & TURSAB)

- **TURSAB (Association of Turkish Travel Agencies):**
 - **Status:** Valid.
 - **License No:** 13226.
 - **Agency Name:** Medzonia Travel Agency.
 - **Verification:** The license belongs to “Bul Sağlık Danışmanlık ve Turizm Ltd. Şti.” .
- **Ministry of Health:**
 - The clinic holds an **International Health Tourism Authorization Certificate** (Uluslararası Sağlık Turizmi Yetki Belgesi). This is mandatory for treating foreign patients. The website claims they possess this document , and their partnership with BHT Clinic (a fully licensed hospital) ensures the surgical component is compliant. The clinic itself is licensed as a “Health Tourism Intermediary” (Aracı Kuruluş).

10. Connections to Other Entities

- **HeightReduction.com:**

- **Connection: Direct.** This is a sub-brand owned and operated by the same team (Wanna Be Taller).
 - **Evidence:** The website explicitly states “As Turkey’s First Height Reduction Surgery Center (heightreduction.com)... © 2016–2026 Wanna Be Taller” . Dr. Yunus Öç is listed as the doctor for this site as well .
 - **Become Taller Clinic:**
 - **Connection: None / Competitor.**
 - **Doctor:** Led by **Dr. İbrahim Çimen** (not Yunus Öç) .
 - **Location:** Dr. Çimen is associated with Private Rami Hospital or offices in Batışehir, distinct from the Beyaz Center/Avçılar location of Wanna Be Taller .
 - **Relationship:** They are distinct competitors in the Istanbul market.
 - **Other Entities at Beyaz Center:**
 - The address (Beyaz Center B Blok No:51) houses **Bul Sağlık Danışmanlık** (the parent company).
 - It is a commercial plaza containing various other medical practices (e.g., hair transplant, dentists) that likely share the “medical tourism cluster” nature of the building but are legally distinct businesses .
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Conclusion

“Wanna Be Taller” is a legitimate, registered business entity in Turkey with a verifiable surgeon (Dr. Yunus Öç) and a high-quality hospital partner (BHT Clinic). The founder, İbrahim Algan, has successfully monetized his personal patient story into a growing agency.

However, prospective patients must weigh this legitimacy against critical risk factors: 1. **Patient Mortality:** The confirmed death of a patient from a blood clot is a severe red flag that contradicts the “safe and easy” marketing often found in this industry. 2. **Litigation Risks:** The legal environment in Turkey makes malpractice recourse nearly impossible for international patients. 3. **Cost Inflation:** Prices are rising rapidly, now approaching \$60,000 for internal methods.

This facility represents the “high-end” of the Turkish medical tourism market (accredited hospital, associate professor surgeon) but carries the inherent, life-threatening risks of major orthopedic surgery that even “experienced” teams cannot entirely eliminate.

Sources: