Dear Colleagues,

Scientists present their painstakingly realized researches in a written format so as the share the results of their studies with their colleagues. The scientific journals play one of the most important roles in this sharing process. The manuscripts submitted to scientific journals pass through the critical reviews of the editorial board, and peer-reviewers, and then they are either accepted, sent to the authors for revision or rejected. During this process one of the most important stages that determine the fate of a manuscript is the peer review process. Hasty, and careless decisions about manuscripts submitted are not preferred. Besides, unnecessarily prolonged evaluation process is just a waste of time. Since most of the peer reviewers are selected among authors of various research studies, at this stage, their “empathizing with” the authors of manuscripts will be a rational approach. The following aphorism of Confucius concerning “empathy” complying with scientific, and universal rules of conduct should be always kept in one’s mind: “Don’t complain about the snow on your neighbor’s roof when your own doorstep is unclean”. As a family of Turkish Journal of Urology, we would like to thank to scientists who submit their manuscripts to our journal, and all of our supporters, sponsors, peer reviewers that devote their precious time and efforts to further improve scientific impact of TJU.

This last issue of the year contains invited review, original research articles, case reports, and letter to editor concerning urinary system infections, uro-oncology, andrology, endourology, female urology, pediatric urology, transplantation, and general urology. Our invited review in this issue is “Candiduria; a review article with specific data from Iran” written by Gharaghani et al. Urinary system infections are among the most frequently observed nosocomial infections seen with an increasing frequency in recent years. Candiduria is frequently observed especially in patients with urinary system infections having specific predisposing factors. In this review article the most recent developments in the treatment of candiduria that is regarded as an important problem for patients, laboratory workers, and physicians have been discussed. Another article which will capture your attention is a brief case report “Biparametric MRI and 41 sector map for MRI/Transrectal ultrasound fusion biopsy to increase diagnostic accuracy of prostate cancer” written by Scialpi et al. In this paper, it has been emphasized that biopsy guided by transrectal ultrasound fusion BpMRI, and 41 sector map may be an alternative to standard systematic 10-12 core-transrectal biopsy.

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Respectively Yours,

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Editor in Chief