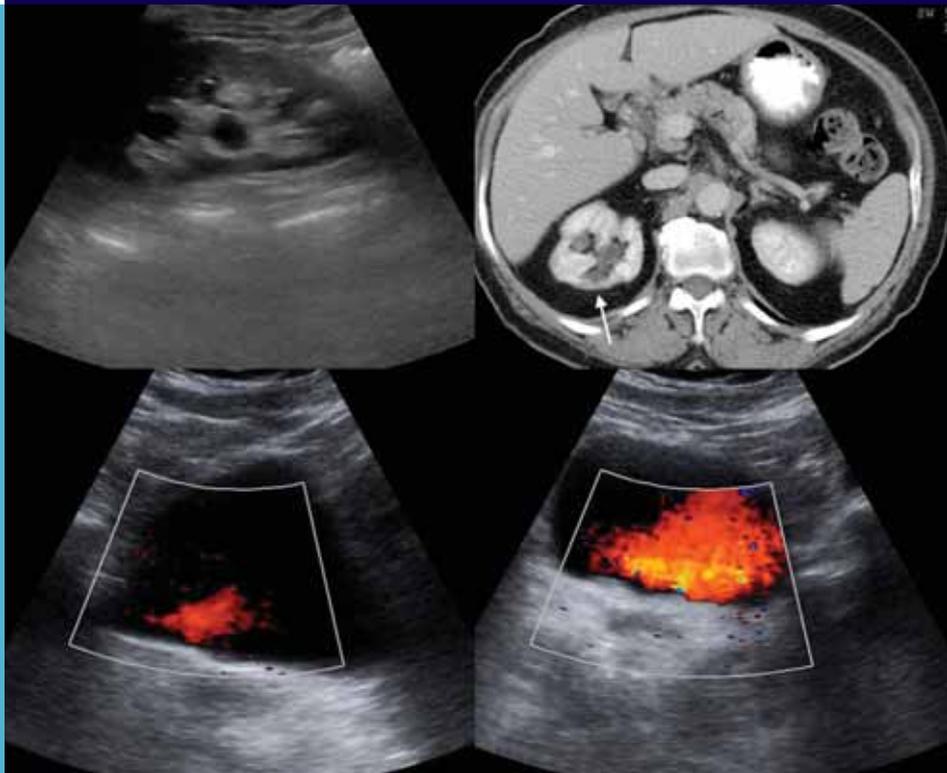


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EDITORIAL

Dear Colleagues,

We are glad to meet with you at the latest issue of "Turkish Journal of Urology" with its renewed face. The main purpose underlying these formal and contextual changes is raising our journal's quality level to international standards and meeting the necessary conditions to have our journal indexed by international directories.

Within this reorganisation process, another issue that is deemed to be noteworthy is our new consultant list. As is known, execution of peer review involves external-independent referees, a practice which is "sine qua non", perhaps the fundamental principle for international indexes. From this point forth, we employed an objective method while establishing our journal's new advisory board and referee list. We intended to enhance our publication quality by incorporating persons with relatively higher number of international publications and citations into our journal's advisory board. In our September 2011 release, we derived from several resources the number of publications published PubMed-indexed journals by our 101 colleagues that are included in the advisory board; our statistics editor created a bell-shaped curve according to mean number of publications and standard deviation. Those ranking above  $+0.5x$  standard deviation were assigned to advisory board while our remaining colleagues were included into arbitration committee as a referee. In the last release of our journal in each year, we will be announcing our valuable referees, who take part in arbitration committee and who, in fact, are the most remarkable labourers in a scientific journal. We would like to pronounce one more time that this renovation was to raise our journal to upper levels and this will lead us to meet our international goals by periodical updates.

The second significant change in the organisation is that English will be predominantly used in our journal as universal language of science.

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