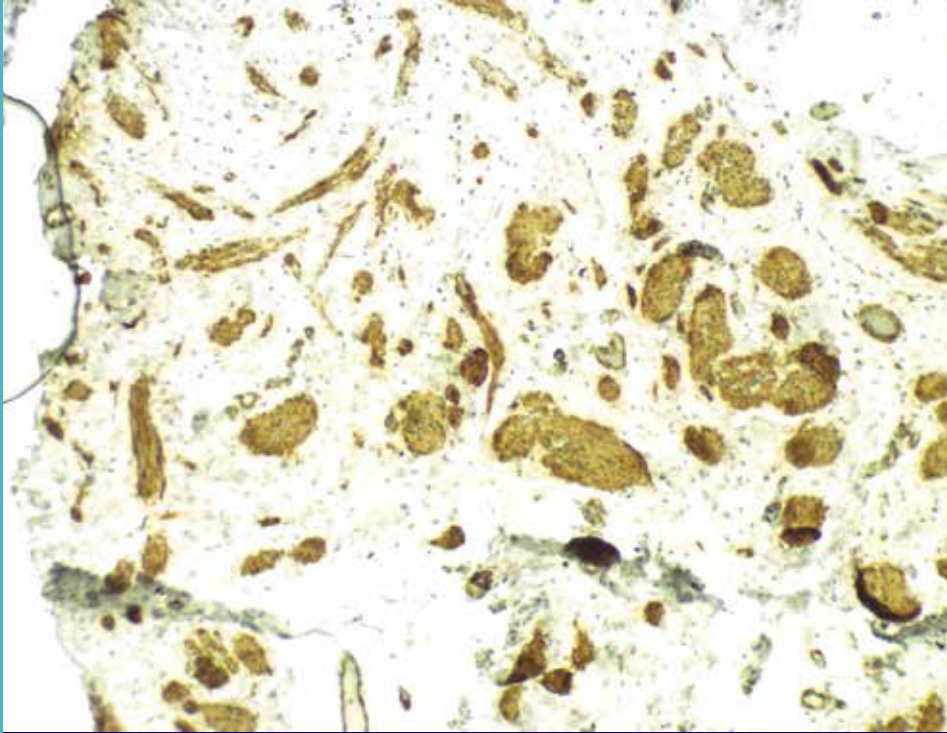


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EDITORIAL

Dear Colleagues;

As Editorial Board with scientific support, and motivation granted by you we have prepared this year's fourth issue of *Turkish Journal of Urology* which contains studies performed concerning the fields of uro-oncology, andrology, endourology, pediatric urology, transplantation, and general urology. We maintain our variety of content through your submission of high quality review articles, original articles, and case reports covering a wide range of subjects. Sustainability of scientific journals carries utmost importance. Nowadays, researchers are repeatedly receiving invitations from many journals to submit their manuscripts. As Confucius stated, "You cannot open a book without learning something". Within this context accessibility to *Turkish Journal of Urology* from PubMed Central, and its inclusion in *Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI)* that is a new version of *Web of Science (WoS)* convey utmost importance. Besides our Journal has taken its firm place in "Urology Green List" (<https://urologygreenlist.wordpress.com>).

With recent developments in imaging modalities, and increase in their use, more and more patients are receiving the diagnosis of small renal masses. Especially with the increase in the number of advanced age population, management of small renal masses seen in this age group also carries vital importance. In this issue of our Journal Özcan et al. are conveying the latest developments to us about this subject with their review article entitled "*Treatment approaches to small renal masses in patients of advanced age (≥75 years)*". I believe that you will read this review article that emphasizes risks of treatment, natural course of the lesion, and importance of comorbidities in the management of small renal masses detected in the advanced age group.

Cushing syndrome is a very frequently seen condition. However, very few studies have been performed about the sexual functions of this patient group. The study realized by Keskin et al. and published in our July 2018 issue entitled "*Sexual function in women with Cushing's Syndrome: A controlled study*" is investigating sexual dysfunction, quality of life, and depression in women with the diagnosis of Cushing syndrome. I think that this study will inspire conduction of multicenter trials in the future.

Nowadays, radical prostatectomy has been performed using various methods, and oncological outcomes of these studies have been compared in many different studies. In this issue of the *TJU* Osmonov et al. from University Hospital Schleswig-Holstein, Campus Kiel, Kiel, Germany is comparing surgical incision site infections in patients who underwent robot-assisted laparoscopic radical prostatectomy and retropubic radical prostatectomy in their article entitled "*Surgical site infections after radical prostatectomy: A comparative study between robot-assisted laparoscopic radical prostatectomy and retropubic radical prostatectomy*".

I believe that you will read other precious articles other than those briefly summarized above. I would like to remind you that the 27th National Congress of Turkish Association of Urology will be held in Bafra, TRNC between 26-29 October, 2018. We are eager to publish your manuscripts of higher scientific quality in our Journal prepared for this congress. Twenty five studies will be picked by the evaluation committee out of the abstracts that are going to be presented during the congress for possible publication in the *Turkish Journal of Urology*.

Respectfully yours,
Prof. Dr. Murat Bozlu, MD
Editor in Chief