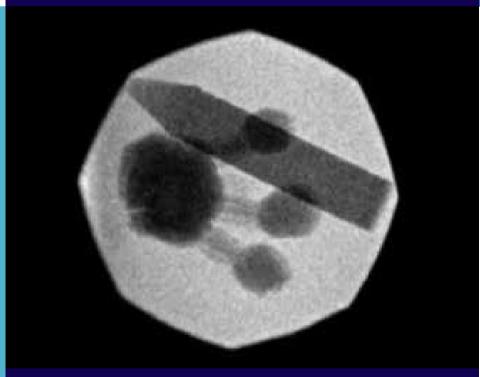
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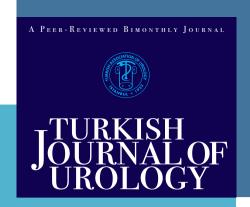
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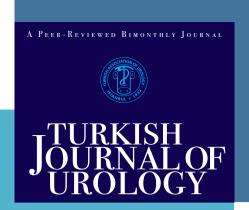
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This first published 2019 issue contains original papers, case reports, and a review concerning andrology, urooncology, endo-urology, female urology, pediatric urology, transplantation, urinary system infections, reconstructive urology, and general urology. In this issue, our invited author is Dr. Sanjay Balwant Kulkarni, who wrote a review article entitled "Controversies in the management of pelvic fracture urethral distraction defects" for our journal. He is a worldwide famous authority on reconstructive urology and has described various surgical techniques, which are named after him. In this review article, Dr. Kulkani shares with us the latest developments in the management of pelvic fracture-related urethral injuries and results he obtained from his experiences. We believe that data presented in this article will shed light for future studies.

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