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EDITORIAL

Dear Colleagues,

Writing an article is the way of sharing knowledge in academic life. Although Turkish Urology has a distinguished place among the others in the neighboring countries, the number of articles published at the international level is much less than its potential level. This may have multiple reasons but most important causes include being unable to allocate time to writing articles due to overwhelming work load, lack of reward mechanisms for those who conduct academic research or who translate these work into final product (article and citation) and the fact that today's scientific language English is not our mother tongue. For whatever the reason might be, many studies lose their value in time if they are not converted into a scientific publication after investing time and intensive efforts. For a researcher who is conducting academic studies but who is not capable of writing academic manuscripts, the situation just looks like "playing a single goal game and never scoring a goal", an embarrassing situation which we are used to see with our national soccer team.

As being the editor and deputy editors of the Turkish Journal of Urology, we are unable to offer any solution for the above-mentioned three conditions. The contribution that we could make would be this supplement, which is intended for facilitating manuscript writing process for the valuable readers of the Turkish Journal of Urology. With this purpose, 11 topics, which we deem to be important in manuscript writing process, have been detailed to the greatest extent possible.

Academic Development Program, which was held in Riva, İstanbul between 14th and 16th December 2012, in cooperation with Turkish Association of Urology (TAU) – The Committee of Young Urologists, has provided the basis for this supplement. Within the context of this program and with positive feedback from the participants, presentations having the same titles were converted into a review article and this supplement was formed.

We would like to remind you of a Latin phrase "Finis coronat opus" which means that "The end crowns the work", and we wish this supplement would contribute to your academic repertoire.

Best Regards,

On behalf of Chief Editor and Deputy Editors of the Turkish Journal of Urology;

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