

## *Editorial*



**Dear Colleagues,**

It is my great pleasure to present you the fourth issue of the “Journal of the Turkish-German Gynecological Association (J Turk Ger Gynecol Assoc)” in the publishing year of 2020.

Over 800 women are dying each day from complications in pregnancy and childbirth. Haemorrhage remains the leading cause of maternal deaths. Placenta accreta spectrum is an important cause of maternal hemorrhage and its prevalence is likely to increase. Here you will read a paper aiming to identify an optimum management option to improve maternal outcomes in patients with placenta percreta based on the available literature.

You will also read an interesting paper investigating the effects of hysterosalpingography, with and without iodinated contrast, on endometrium, tubes and ovarian epithelial cells in an animal model.

Also you will get the occasion to read both a review discussing treatment protocols for patients with gynecological cancers during the global coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and a paper about how gynecologic oncologists modified their patient management during COVID-19 in Turkey.

**Dear authors and reviewers,**

“Peer Review Week 2020” was celebrated on September 21-25. It is a yearly international event celebrating the pivotal role that peer review plays in maintaining scientific quality. It was started in 2015 by Sense About Science, Peer Review Evaluation, ORCID, ScienceOpen and Wiley-Blackwell to highlight the importance of peer review in academic societies. Transparency (easily discoverable, accessible, and clear), quality, trust are all important issues in the peer review process. It is time-consuming. At JTGGA, we are piloting several new innovations in peer review to speed up the policy and to make the process more transparent. We provide details about the number of reviewers who reviewed the article in response letter. In addition, the citation rates of our journal continue to increase gradually in the last quarter of the year compared to the previous year. In the upcoming period, we hope that our journal will receive more citations and we will be honored to share the developments with you.

We would like to thank all our peer reviewers. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to ensuring the highest scientific standards.

Best regards,

**Prof. Cihat Ünlü, M.D.**

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