



Re: Top cited articles in urology from Turkey

Yanıt: Türkiye’de üroloji alanında en çok atıf almış yayınlar

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Dear Editor,

I do not read Turkish Journal of Urology regularly. However; it was recently brought to my attention that an interesting article was published in the journal. The paper by Ipekci et al.^[1] titled “Top cited articles in urology from Turkey” concludes that ‘it is important to show the most cited publications from Turkey’, and I agree with that. I looked at the Table 1 and was pampered to see that one of my papers is the most cited paper, and I had 2 papers in the list. However; reading the Materials and Methods I found out that the authors excluded papers if the first author is not a Turkish citizen. I think that it is an inappropriate and biased selection criterion.

The criteria for being an author in an article are well established.^[2] The order of authors should not be an issue as long as the article is from a Turkish institution and one of the authors is a Turkish citizen. A more appropriate exclusion criterion should be if the author is Turkish but the Institution is not from Turkey. In multi author publications usually the senior investigators are listed as last author. There are a number of internationally renowned Turkish urologists with highly cited publications and thus are excluded based on this criteria. Even with the author’s misleading criteria, I notice

that at least I had a publication which is not cited in the table.^[3]

The intent of this letter to the Editor is neither solely to figure out an inaccuracy in the publication nor to show how prolific I am; but to be fair to other respected Turkish urologists and researchers who have impacted the urologic literature but excluded in this publication because of the flawed methodology. If the authors of the paper do not chose to correct their flawed criteria, I would encourage the Editor of the Journal to publish an Editorial with scientific facts using objective criteria. I am confident that it is important to encourage the young urologic research community to publish highly cited scientific articles.

Respectfully,

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