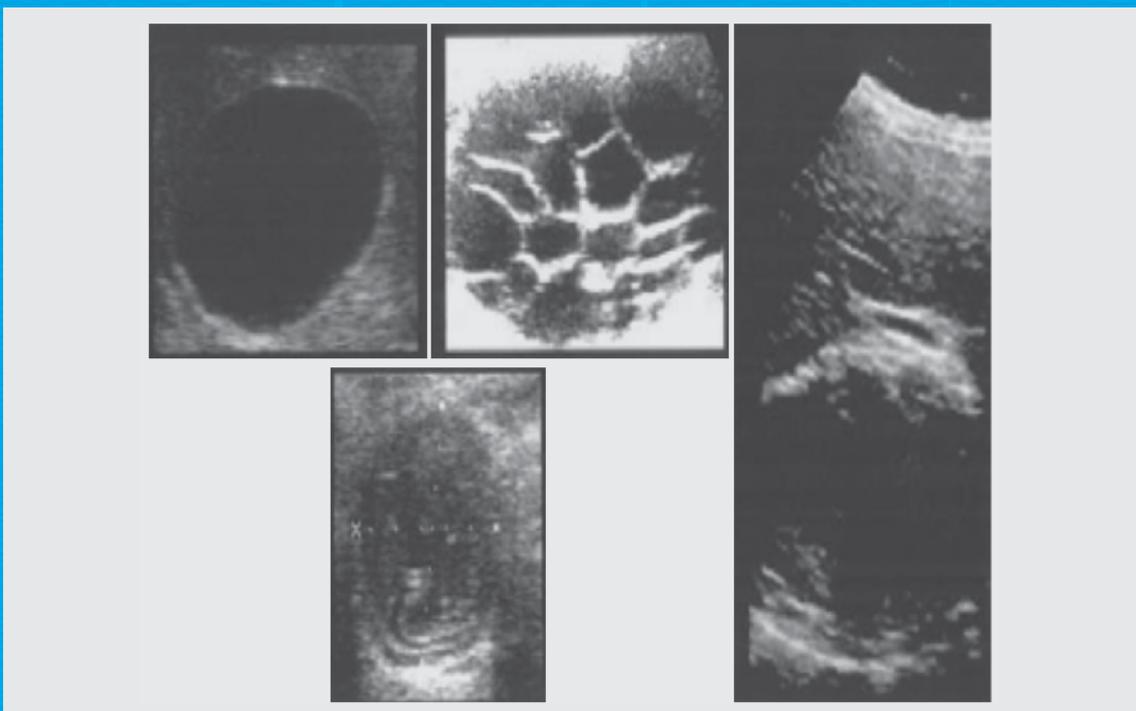




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## From the Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Our efforts in improving the quality of the journal are going on. We recently introduced TJG around 100.000 researchers with e-mail and we received around 100 applications for reviewer positions.

We will soon ask for statistician endorsement, in case it is applicable, and copy-editing certificate alongside with all submissions.

***Statistician's endorsement and copy editing certificate are mandatory for evaluation of a submitted article.***

However as we are trying to improve the quality of the journal, the expenses are soaring. We estimate that, in order to achieve the quality we envision, we need to spend over 300.000 USD per year for TJG. Some of the expenses will inevitably be born by the authors. Until the end of this year we are going to publish all the accepted studies in case they are not suspended for various reasons. Beginning with the next year, we would only publish high quality, clinical studies without any noticeable defect in methodology and presentation. Let me remind you that TJG publishes only clinical studies of high quality. We do not accept isolated

case reports and we accept letters in the form of comment to a previous article, only. Finally, we do not charge to letters-to-the-editor submitted as comments to the previous articles.

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