

# Editorial

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We celebrate the sixth year since we started Oncology Gastroenterology and Hepatology Reports as a humble attempt to provide an unbiased platform for novel biomedical research and clinical findings.

The current issue of the journal includes a randomized uncontrolled clinical trial of anthelmintics for Ascaris infection from India. In this study, 400 patients, 63% of whom were between 5-19 years of age were randomized to receive albendazole, mebendazole, pyrantel pamoate or ivermectin. After 3 weeks, 92% of those who received albendazole had no detectable ova in stool. By comparison, 88% of those receiving mebendazole, 84% of those receiving pyrantel pamoate and 76% of those who received ivermectin had no detectable parasite eggs in stool. There were no significant adverse effects. Males were twice as commonly affected as females. Nearly 74% lived in rural areas and 90% were middle or low income group.

This issue also features an insightful and timely review exploring the association between cancer and infection. We also feature two studies exploring the trend in the number of publications the fields of obe-

sity and polycystic ovary syndrome. It is notable that the number of publications in the area of obesity has increased by nearly 10% each year between 2007-2016. This attests to the growing awareness of obesity as a health problem.

We continue to encourage interesting reports of patients seen by the medical community to increase awareness both of uncommon presentations of common problems as well as of rare diseases. In this issue, we have a rare case of severe dystonia following intravenous levofloxacin administration in a compensated cirrhotic. In the area of therapeutics, we have a case of bleeding rectal varices treated with balloon occluded antegrade cyanoacrylate embolization and a bilio-pleural fistula following thoracoabdominal trauma treated with biliary stenting.

We are encouraged by the enthusiasm of readers and authors in the journal. We thank all the authors for sharing their work through this journal. We look forward to continuing our endeavor to be a platform for the latest in basic and clinical scientific research.

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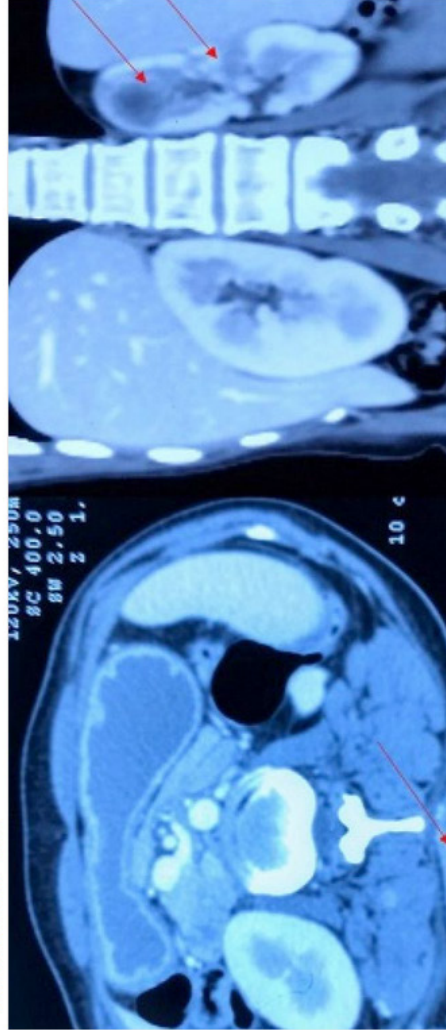
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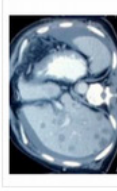
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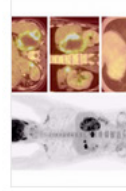
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