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September-October 2017 Reviewer of the Issue - Hamidreza Abdi

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Dr. Hamidreza Abdi graduated from Tehran University of Medical Sciences in 2001, and completed his residency training in Urology at Shahid Beheshti Medical University in Tehran. In 2008, he achieved second grade of excellence in the Iranian National Urology Board Exam and has been a fellow of European Board of Urology since 2009. Dr. Abdi practiced urology in northern part of Iran near Caspian Sea for 3 years, and then decided to move to Canada to enhance his knowledge and surgical skills. After moving to Canada, he undertook a urologic oncology fellowship (research and clinical) at the Vancouver Prostate Centre at the University

of British Columbia. His was focused primarily on the use of MRI in the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer. He also contributed to the development of clinical databases for patients with bladder and prostate cancer, and is interested in biomarker discovery and validation in uro-oncology. Dr. Abdi has been involved in multicentre research projects working with the International Bladder Cancer Network, Hiroshima University, and the International Young Urologists Association.

In order to be eligible for licensure in Canada, Dr. Abdi began urology residency at the University of Ottawa in 2015, and he is currently PGY-3. He has been involved in the Resident-Driven Global Surgery Educational project in which residents across the world discuss interesting cases and exchange their ideas. He continues to be a clinical reviewer for several peer-reviewed journals including *Urology Journal*, *Urology*, *Cytotherapy Journal*, *The Journal of Urology*, *PLOS One*, *BMC Urology*, *World Journal of urology*, *Urologic oncology: seminars and original investigations*.

“It would be my great pleasure to review articles for *Urology Journal*. Being a reviewer will allow me to be aware of new ideas in urology research from different parts of the world, limitations of conducting research projects, and important clinical questions or hot topics. Being a reviewer also presents a great opportunity to exchange knowledge during the review process. I would like to thank the editorial board of *Urology Journal* for the invitation to serve as a reviewer.”

Dr Abdi was chosen as the best reviewer of the issue by editorial board of The *Urology Journal* for his valuable and timely review of manuscript.