Desk of the Editor

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I am presenting to you the Vol.4 Issue 3 multi-specialty article. There was a good response to the previous issue of Thoracic oncology. The issue was brought out with the help of Dr. Sanjay Sharma as guest editor, which addressed various issues of esophageal cancer, lung cancer, VATS and robotic surgery. Surgeons have been in the forefront of management of thoracic oncology (esophageal and non-small cell lung cancer) along with multidisciplinary team of medical and radiation oncologists. The authors have presented a vast array of material with all the information.

As the journal progressed over the years the response of the authors and the reviewers (in submitting the reviewed articles) was very exemplary. On few occasions we have seen delay

both from authors and reviewers. I hope future issues we will keep up with the time slots.

Academic activities in various institutions across the country is increasing and the present edition includes many articles on Head and Neck cancer which address the significance of level of lymph nodes in squamous cell cancer of oral cavity and significance of nodes as a risk factor. The role of 18 FDG-PET in MUO of Head and Neck cancers has been analyzed well. The role of NF-KB as prognostic factor in Breast cancer has been reported. I thank the authors and reviewers who contributed to this issue.

In a major breakthrough in oncology meetings in this country for the first time, all specialty organizations of Oncology have joined together to host the **Indian Cancer Congress-2013** at New Delhi from November 20–25, 2013. Much of the deliberation of Congress and abstracts of scientific material will be published in IJSO.

I hope to meet all of you in New Delhi for a feast of Oncology spectacle. I wish the Organization the best.

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