Editorial

Dear Sir,

I must admit that the name of the magazine you run is precious. Those of us who have studied Medicine and have specialized in its different areas have done so with an inalienable sense of helping others. From our interaction with the patient, cases arise, clinical, surgical, mixed or of any other type, because human nature is what dictates the norms and the human being feels the need to classify and categorize in order to understand.

The practice of Medicine is beautiful and difficult at the same time. We must all be involved in the health of the patient and for this, understanding is necessary. This understanding needs a common language and study, study a lot ... But is there a common language? Fortunately, there are meetings and study groups whose objective is to seek consensus on different topics of interest, including the common language between the different specialties. However, as a pathologist, I feel that there is a long way to go, especially when it comes to putting into practice this basic code for the transmission of information.

Information, a subjective concept and, unfortunately, many times non-existent. Pathologists are forced to work too many times without the true and genuine foundation of medical practice: information. Perhaps this is due to the fact that those who send the samples to the pathology laboratories think that their histological and molecular study is a mechanical and objective process, or else they think that the pathologist has answers to solve all the problems that arise. And it may even be that clairvoyance can serve as an excuse for omitting information necessary to reach precise diagnoses on which therapeutic actions and prognostic advice of exceptional interest will depend.

Without information, surgical and clinical cases become orphan and incomplete entities. On the contrary, those cases that require and provide complete pathological diagnoses, beautiful and interesting images, differential diagnoses demonstrated with colorful and impressive auxiliary support techniques, become the soul of scientific journals that with great effort carry out an inexhaustible work of dissemination of science and medical knowledge in particular.

And that's where clinical and surgical cases, surgical and clinical cases... quality are born.

As a reviewer of different scientific publications, I usually correct articles of interest that forget about Pathology or treat its findings as mere accessory data, without stopping to think that the heart and soul of the information resides in them on a large number of occasions, supplied, the same one that will serve other colleagues to face similar cases that may arise in the future. It is therefore important to be rigorous in the process and in the conclusions when writing an article and to illustrate it properly when necessary. For this, you have to take care of the pathologist, respect his hierarchical role in the preparation of the article and communicate appropriately with him. Of course, before all this happens, you will have to provide the necessary information so that you can work without obstacles. In this way, we will not close the doors to the birth of many new surgical and clinical cases.