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Editor

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Dear Editor,

We are submitting our original study “Comparison of antimicrobial sensitivity to quinolones versus piperacillin-tazobactam, cefepime and meropenem in febrile patients with cancer in two referral pediatric centers in Tehran, Iran” for consideration of publication. In this study, we look at potential use of oral quinolones for children with malignancies and unexplained fever.

No portion of this study has been or will be submitted elsewhere for consideration of publication while this paper is being considered for publication in the *Mediterranean Journal of Hematology and Infectious Diseases.*  There are no prior publications or submissions with any overlapping information. This paper will not be published elsewhere in this same form in English or in any other language. All authors contributed to the study, have seen and approved the manuscript, and accept full responsibility for the content of the manuscript (Note: Dr. Vosough passed away May, 2013). The authors have no potential conflict of interest related to the publication of this paper. Thank you very much for considering this manuscript.

For potential reviewers, we would suggest:

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Reason: She is a pediatric oncologist who has also done full training in infectious diseases. She has published a systematic review on use of quinolones in children with malignancies.

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Reason: This author has several publications on use of quinolones in adults with malignancies.

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