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In recent years, widespread antibiotic use against urinary system infections, and resultant adverse reactions (resistance developing against antibiotics, high medication costs) lead the way to new searches. Especially in recurrent female infections this problem is much more predominant. The review article by Akgül and Karakan et al. entitled “The role of probiotics in women with recurrent urinary tract infections” informs us about the latest developments related to this subject. In another review article by Branchu et al. entitled “Diagnosis and treatment of inguinal hernia of the bladder: a systematic review of the past 10 years” the authors are delving into the most recent developments in the diagnosis, treatment alternatives, and outcomes in inguinoscrotal hernia of the bladder. We believe that you will read the article “No-cable and smartphone/tablet: A functional laparoscopic training box “Fu-Lap T-Box” on an innovative laparoscopy training box design emphasized by Uruç et al. with great interest.

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