



Retraction

Retraction of “Confocal Microscopy Study of Neurovascular Distribution in Facial Port Wine Stains (Capillary Malformation)”

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To our readers,

It was recently brought to our attention that this article bears a high degree of similarity to a previously published article in *Dermatologic Surgery* titled “Confocal Microscopy Study of Nerves and Blood Vessels in Untreated and Treated Port Wine Stains: Preliminary Observations” by Selim MM, Kelly KM, Nelson JS, Wendelschafer-Crabb G, Kennedy WR, and Zelickson BD. (*Dermatol Surg* 2004;30(6):892–897).

These articles have been circulated among the Associate Editors of the *Journal of the Formosan Medical Association*, and we are unanimous in believing that Dr Chang et al’s work constitutes plagiarism. The editorial office of the Journal have been in communication with Dr Chang, the corresponding author, and after due deliberation of Dr Chang’s response, have decided to uphold our original assessment.

The issue of plagiarism arises when a researcher acquires material directly from another published article as his own without proper acknowledgment. A side-by-side comparison of the two articles shows that significant portions of Dr Chang’s article are identical to Dr Selim et al’s work.

This is a serious breach of international publication and research ethics and constitutes scientific misconduct. Such acts cannot be tolerated by the Journal and its readership. We apologize to the readers of the journal that this was not detected during the submission process and would like to reassure our readers that the editorial office will take all necessary steps to prevent a similar occurrence in future.

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