

Notice of Retraction

In January 2020, the Journal of Cancer and Allied Specialties (JCAS) published an original article 'Histopathological Correlation between Prostatic Adenocarcinoma in Transrectal Ultrasound-Guided Biopsies and Radical Prostatectomy Specimens' by Muhammad Faisal and Hina Tariq.^[1] Within a few days of publication, a complaint was received by the editorial office that the authors had published the data without an authorization from the local institutional review board (IRB). This was considered as a breach of the principles of medical publication ethics and an investigation was initiated to review the matter.

Following the investigation, it was concluded that the local IRB had not granted any approval to the authors for publishing the material that had been presented in the manuscript. This data were the rightful property of the hospital in which the procedures had been conducted, and as per the hospital policy, it was necessary for the investigators to have secured a formal authorization to investigate and publish the data from the hospital's scientific committee and the IRB. The authors of the manuscript acknowledged that they had misled the journal at the time of submission of the manuscript by stating that they had acquired

the necessary waiver(s) and approval(s) from the local authorities including IRB and that they were the rightful owners of the data that were being presented in the manuscript.

This is a serious scientific misconduct, and a breach of the principles of medical publication ethics. Therefore, the JCAS will be retracting the original article 'Histopathological Correlation between Prostatic Adenocarcinoma in Transrectal Ultrasound-Guided Biopsies and Radical Prostatectomy Specimens' by Muhammad Faisal and Hina Tariq.

Reference

1. Faisal M, Tariq H. Histopathological correlation between prostatic adenocarcinoma in transrectal ultrasound guided biopsies and radical prostatectomy specimens. J Cancer Allied Spec 2020;6. Available from: <http://www.journals.sfu.ca/jcas/index.php/jcas/article/view/299>. [Last accessed on 2020 Feb 27].

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