

Notice of Inadvertent Duplicate Publications

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The editors wish to draw attention to 3 articles published in the *Urology Journal* that have also appeared in other journals. As noticed in the summer 2007 issue (volume 4, number 3), a paper by Nikoobakht and colleagues, “the relationship between lipid profile and erectile dysfunction,” which was published in volume 2, number 1, page 40 (winter 2005) of the journal, is similar to an article by the same authors and same title, published in the *International Journal of Impotence Research* 2005;17:523-6. The other 2 papers are: “urinary tamm-horsfall protein and citrate: a case-control study of inhibitors and promoters of calcium stone formation” by Pourmand and colleagues which is published in volume 2, number 2, page 79 (spring 2005) of this journal and also in the *Urology International* 2006;76(2):163-8 and “the role of ureteroscopy in the treatment of renal transplantation complications” by Basiri and colleagues which is published in volume 1, number 1, page 27 (winter 2004) of this journal and also in the *Scandinavian Journal of Urology and Nephrology* 2006;40(1):53-6.

These inadvertent duplicate publications have occurred as a result of misinterpretation of *local journals* and *a different group of readers* when the *Urology Journal* had just been launched in English; before March 2007, our journal was not being indexed in the international indexing systems and used to be considered as a *local publication*, with *limited audience*. It was also because the journal had just changed its language from Persian to English. Moreover, many authors were not familiar with the regulations of acceptable secondary publication.

These cases were detected by the Déjà vu website (www.spore.swmed.edu/dejavu/). The editors contacted the corresponding authors and it was confirmed that they had inadvertently duplicated their publication and the mistake was a result of a misunderstanding of the regulations by authors. The situation was also explained to the Déjà vu team and they accepted to remove these papers from the category of duplicate publication.

Erratum

In volume 5, number 3 of the *Urology Journal* (summer 2008), the new section, Urology for People was inaugurated. On page 212, an article was reviewed in this section entitled “Avicenna and his modern scientific viewpoint.” However, the referred article’s publication had been postponed up to the current issue. Therefore, the whole article on Avicenna is published in this issue and not the summer issue. The editors regret this error in the past issue.