
RETRACTION

In 2006, the *Canadian Respiratory Journal* published a paper on hypercalcemia in tuberculosis patients in Nigeria (1). On February 12, 2007, we were apprised that our paper bore striking resemblance to a previously published paper (2). We circulated both papers to the referees who evaluated the Nigerian paper. They concluded that plagiarism was involved in the Nigerian publication. Much of the text of the two papers was identical, and numerical results were either very similar or identical. The Editor concurred with the referees, and asked the author for an explanation. The explanation was not satisfactory, and we concluded that the authors of the Nigerian paper were (at least) guilty of plagiarism, and as a result we formally retract the published paper. Needless to say, we will not consider another submission from these authors.

We extend our apologies to the readers of the *Canadian Respiratory Journal*, and to the authors of the original paper (2). Given the current nature of the medical literature, we cannot be certain that this has not happened before, and may happen again.

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