

Retraction note: Inflamed bilateral linear atrophoderma of Moulin in an adult woman: a case report

We, the editors of the journal *Acta Dermatovenerologica Alpina, Pannonica et Adriatica* (Acta Dermatovenerol APA), would like to retract the article “Inflamed bilateral linear atrophoderma of Moulin in an adult woman: a case report” (PMID: 29589642; DOI: 10.15570/actaapa.2018.6) published in our journal’s March 2018 issue due to duplicate publication.

We were informed in February 2019 by a third party that an article very closely resembling the article “Inflamed bilateral linear atrophoderma of Moulin in an adult woman: a case report” published by Yesim Akpınar Kara and Evren Sarıfakıoğlu in *Acta Dermatovenerol APA* in 2018 (1) had been published by the same authors under the exactly the same title in *Journal of the Turkish Academy of Dermatology* (J Turk Acad Dermatol) in late 2017 (DOI: 10.6003/jtad.17113c1) (2).

Following our initial concern, submission history of the article in question was carefully reviewed. The manuscript (originally titled “A rare case of atrophoderma with papules”) was submitted to *Acta Dermatovenerol APA* on July 1st, 2017. As a part of our regular editorial procedure, which includes inspection of all newly submitted manuscripts for plagiarism using plagiarism software, the manuscript was checked for plagiarism and was found to have a very low (2%) identity score index with previously published research. Following peer-review, the manuscript was returned to the authors for revision (revision letter sent on July 24th, 2017). The manuscript was finally accepted for publication in *Acta Dermatovenerol APA* on August 27th, 2017; an acceptance letter was sent to the corresponding author on the same day. The manuscript was then copyedited by a native English speaker and was published in the March 2018 issue of *Acta Dermatovenerol APA* (publication date March 31st, 2018).

Although the identity score index of the initially submitted manuscript was very low when checked in July 2017, further comparison performed in February 2019 of the initial manuscript text submitted to *Acta Dermatovenerol APA* (i.e., before the English

proofreading) with the article published in *J Turk Acad Dermatol* showed that both articles were virtually identical. Our editorial office immediately contacted Akpınar Kara regarding our findings, requesting a detailed explanation of how duplicate publication had occurred. In her reply, Akpınar Kara stated that the manuscript had indeed also been sent to *J Turk Acad Dermatol* (no exact date of submission provided), but that no reply from *J Turk Acad Dermatol* was received for a significant period of time. Moreover, Akpınar Kara claimed that the authors had not received any feedback from *J Turk Acad Dermatol*, including a peer review, and were only notified via e-mail 1 year after submission that the article had been accepted for publication in *J Turk Acad Dermatol*.

The editor-in-chief of *J Turk Acad Dermatol* was contacted and provided with the statements by Akpınar Kara. Contrary to the claims of Akpınar Kara, the editorial office of *J Turk Acad Dermatol* claimed that the manuscript was added to their editorial system by Akpınar Kara on October 8th, 2017 (i.e., 3 months after submission to *Acta Dermatovenerol APA* and more than a month after the authors were informed that their manuscript had been accepted for publication in *Acta Dermatovenerol APA*). Moreover, contrary to the claims by Akpınar Kara, *J Turk Acad Dermatol* informed us that the manuscript had been subjected to peer-review (two independent reviews) and that an acceptance letter was sent to Akpınar Kara on January 23rd, 2018 via e-mail. Finally, *J Turk Acad Dermatol* informed us that a revised version of the manuscript was submitted to *J Turk Acad Dermatol* by the author via their editorial system on January 29th, 2018.

Based on all the information provided above, we are retracting the article “Inflamed bilateral linear atrophoderma of Moulin in an adult woman: a case report” (PubMed PMID: 29589642; DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15570/actaapa.2018.6>) published in the March 2018 issue of *Acta Dermatovenerol APA* due to duplicate publication.

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