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To: Editor-in-Chief
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Dear Sir,

Improper use of my research data

I would like to bring to your notice that the Manuscript PJMS MS 169 IG 2012, titled “Efficiency of Sodium Hypochlorite and Four other Intra Canal Medicaments in Eliminating the *Candida albicans* in the Root Canal System – An Ex-vivo Evaluation,” which was published in your esteemed journal, *Pacific Journal of Medical Sciences* (PJMS), Volume 10, No. 1, June 2012, pp. 28–34, is not the original work of the purported authors, Gary Ignatius and K. Pradeep. They acquired the data wrongfully.

The research was done by me during the 2008 academic year in the Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics, Yenepoya Dental College, Mangalore. During my Post Graduate studies, I completed the research project under the supervision of my Professor and Head of the Department Dr. K Harish Kumar Shetty. The details of my work, including the photographs and research data, were in a Compact Disc submitted to the Department.

One of my Post Graduate classmates, Dr. Gary Ignatius, who is currently my colleague in the Department, is the “Corresponding Author,” as indicated in the published article and confirmed by the information

received from the Office of the Managing Editor of PJMS. Without my knowledge and consent, and also without the consent and approval of my supervisor, Dr. Gary Ignatius took the data from the CD, wrote it up and submitted the manuscript to the PJMS for publication.

The Ethics Committee of Yenepoya Dental College, Mangalore, objects to giving credit to the alleged authors for the work they did not do. As such, the “authors” have been asked to ensure that the paper is withdrawn from publication and that it is not cited in any scientific forum. They have been requested to fulfil all the requirements of your journal for withdrawing published papers from circulation.

I am kindly requesting that this letter be published in one of the issues of PJMS and that appropriate action be taken, if possible, to withdraw the paper from further circulation.

Thank You.

Yours Sincerely,

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