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To,
The Chief Editor/Editorial Board,
Kathmandu University Medical Journal (KUMJ)

Respected Sir,

I, Dr. Dipesh L. Gurubacharya, faculty in Department of Medicine in Kathmandu Medical College Teaching Hospital would like to inform the Editorial Board of Kathmandu University Medical Journal (KUMJ) that regarding the issue of duplication of the article titled "Correlation between serum-ascites albumin concentration gradient and endoscopic parameters of portal hypertension", the names of the co-authors of the article Prof. D.B. Karki and Prof. Mathura KC was put in the article as the Head of Department and the Unit Chief respectively. As a usual process, I have given their name in the article for due respect and without taking their formal consent.

So, I would like to inform to the Editorial Board that they have no role in the preparation of the article and action should not have been taken against them.

Thank you
Sincerely yours

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Decision made by the Editorial Committee of KUMJ

In the view of above mentioned letter received from the main author of the article "Correlation between serum-ascites albumin concentration gradient and endoscopic parameters of portal hypertension" (PMID:16449830; Oct-Dec 2005) Dr. Dipesh L. Gurubacharya, published in Kathmandu University Medical Journal in 2005, which was decided in an earlier meeting to have been plagiarised from the original article "Correlation between serum-ascites albumin concentration gradient and endoscopic parameters of portal hypertension" (PMID:9820392; November 1998), a meeting of the Editorial Committee was called and the following decisions were taken.

- a. Dr. Dipesh's letter will be published in the forthcoming issue (issue 24) of the journal and no article of his shall be published in KUMJ in the coming year 2009.
- b. It will also be mentioned that in view of this both Prof. Dr. D. B. Karki and Prof. Dr. Mathura KC were absolved from the blame of this occurrence.
- c. Prof. Dr. D. B. Karki was also informed that in view of these developments his resignation from the Editorial Board was not accepted and that he continues in the same capacity as before.
- d. It was decided that strict adherence will be made in the future and that all authors whose names are included in any article must supply a declaration form to the effect of his/their participation in the same.