

## Notice of Retraction of “The Experience with Ritleng Intubation System in Patients with Congenital Nasolacrimal Duct Obstruction”, *J Chin Med Assoc* 2004;67:344–8

It has recently been brought to our attention that the captioned article published by Drs P.L. Chen, C.H. Chen, C.H. Hsiao and C.J. Chang from the Department of Ophthalmology, Tri-Service General Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan, in the *Journal of the Chinese Medical Association* 2004;67:344–8 bears striking similarities to an article that was published in the *Archives of Ophthalmology* 1998;116:387–91 by Drs M.R. Pe, J.D. Langford, J.V. Linberg, T.L. Schwartz and N. Sondhi, titled *Ritleng Intubation System for Treatment of Congenital Nasolacrimal Duct Obstruction*.

These two articles have been circulated among the Editors of the *Journal of the Chinese Medical Association*, and we are unanimous in believing that Dr Chen et al's work constitutes plagiarism. The editorial office of the Journal has been in communication with the authors, and, after due deliberation of their response, have decided to uphold our original assessment and officially retract Dr Chen et al's article. The head of the authors' institution has also been notified of the case.

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This is a most regrettable incident and I would like to reassure our readers that the editorial office will take all necessary steps to prevent a similar occurrence in future.

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