Retraction Note: Randomized, double blind placebo-controlled trial: effects of Myo-inositol on ovarian function and metabolic factors in women with PCOS

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The paper has been recently issued on PubPeer as multiple textual overlaps have been detected between this article and a previous article published by the same group of authors in 2003 (S. Gerli, M. Mignosa, G.C. Di Renzo. Effects of inositol on ovarian function and metabolic factors in women with PCOS: a randomized double blind placebo-controlled trial. Eur Rev Med Pharmacol Sci 2003; 7 (6): 151-159. PMID-15206484).

After having informed the Editor in Chief of a possible duplicate publication, the corresponding author was contacted to clarify this issue according to the policies of the journal. The corresponding author admitted that the 2007 paper had been written by an uncredited student, who adapted the 2003 paper and submitted it as novel work without the consent of the authors. Therefore, given the evidence, the Editor in Chief decided to withdraw the manuscript.

The Publisher apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.