

Re: [ALS] Frequency of Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Patients Infected with Hepatitis C Virus visiting a Tertiary Care Hospital in Lahore for Computed Tomographic Evaluation



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Dear Editorial Team,

Thank you for your response.

While I respect the editorial board's authority and understand that certain procedures must follow COPE guidelines, I firmly stand by the fact that neither I nor the co-authors knowingly committed any form of data duplication or misconduct.

This unfortunate situation is the result of a failure by another journal to process a formal withdrawal request—a *situation beyond the control of the authors*. Penalizing authors under such circumstances sets a difficult precedent, where individuals acting ethically may still suffer reputational damage due to editorial negligence elsewhere.

Although I acknowledge your position and accept your decision, **I respectfully request that this context be transparently reflected in any public retraction note to ensure the scholarly record remains accurate and fair.**

Prof. Dr. Zareen Fatima