

Notice of Duplicate Publications

We want to notify our readers that two manuscripts published on Ethiopian Journal of Health Sciences are as well published on other journals. We tried to investigate as per COPE algorithm where authors tried to clarify their wrong doings. The editorial team of EJHS decided to aware the issue to our readers. At this moment we want to acknowledge Dr Weledji (the first manuscript) and Prof. Dr. Debora Weber-Wulff (the second) for informing us the situation.

1. **Aminde L.N, Bonko N.M, Takah N.F, Awungafac G, Teno D. Intussusception as a Cause of Bowel Obstruction in Adults from a Resource Limited Area, Cameroon. Ethiop J Health Sci, 2015;25(2).** We learnt that this paper was previously been published in the 'Afr.J. of Integ Health, 2013;2(1). We then requested the authors to clarify the situation for which DR Aminde L.N responded the following

“In response to your query, we have the following to bring forth to your notice. The article on intussusception we recently published in your journal, is original work of myself and my co-authors. We received these patients, managed them at a rural district hospital in the North West region of Cameroon. Due to the peculiarity of both cases, we decided to publish this rare occurrence in adults and our said diagnostic and management difficulties in a rural and resource limited setting.

We (Dr Aminde, Dr Bonko, Dr Takah, Dr Awungafac and Dr Teno) took part in the active management of these patients, literature search and drafting and approval of the final manuscript.

We then submitted to AJIH for consideration while inviting Dr Weledji (Editor of AJIH) as co-author. To our dismay, he took the article, put his name first author, modified it and published in AJIH. We wanted a more wider audience for our manuscript and for it to serve its real and scientific purpose and our goal.

We thus decided to submit to your journal keeping the originality of the paper from inception, considering it would have a wider

audience being pubmed indexed. We have checked and the two papers are not entirely the same, because it was greatly altered prior to being published in AJIH. We rather kept its originality prior to submitting to EJHS and the paper underwent a blind peer-review in your journal. We are ready to provide supporting evidence (images and videos during the surgery, etc) and our original manuscript. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused but we could not let our hard work be taken away from us. We hope you understand and consider.”

2. **‘Ibeinmo Opubiri and Chinyere Nnenna Pedro-Egbe. Screening of Primary School Children for Refractive Error in South-South Nigeria which was published on Ethiop J Health Sci. 2012 ; 22(2): 129–134’** was also published by the same authors with minor change on the title (**Screening for refractive error among primary school children in Bayelsa state, Nigeria) on Pan Afr Med J. 2013; 14: 74.** EJHS requested the corresponding author to clarify the situation for which he responded the following. “Thanks for your mail and the observation concerning the above subject. It is with humility and a great sense of responsibility concerning best practices in research and publication that I offer the explanation below. The fact of the matter is that an unusual delay in acceptance and communication from the initial journal cited, prompted the need to send it to another journal (Ethiopian Journal of Health Sciences) which accepted and communicated subsequently, until the final publication. It was after the publication by your journal in July 2012 that we later noted the 2013 online publication by the initial journal cited. The submission of the manuscript to a second journal due to the observed delay by the initial journal had no dubious intent and should not be misconstrued or viewed as a publication misconduct. Thanks for your usual frank disposition and understanding.”