

From: Editor Walsh Medical Media wmmeditor@medicalseci.org 
Subject: Re: FW: Urgent: Request for Retraction of Fraudulent Publication
Date: November 10, 2025 at 12:37 AM
To: Laertis Ikonomou laertisi@buffalo.edu



Dear Dr. Laertis Ikonomou,

As we already mentioned in the previous mail, without the withdrawal fee we can't remove the article from the website.

Atleast try to make 499 Euros will remove the article from the website.

Regards,
Dwayne Harrison

On Nov 7 2025, at 10:23 pm, Laertis Ikonomou <laertisi@buffalo.edu> wrote:

I would like to follow up on my previous request. This fake paper is still online. I request its immediate removal.

Thank you,

Laertis Ikonomou

From: Laertis Ikonomou
Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 7:55 AM
To: Manuscripts Walsh Medical Media <wwwmanuscripts@journalsci.org>
Subject: RE: FW: Urgent: Request for Retraction of Fraudulent Publication

I do not understand what you mean by fee. Someone used my name, a fake affiliation, and a fake email address to submit a paper to your journal. I did not submit this paper. This is a serious violation of research integrity and publication ethics. I request that you remove this paper immediately otherwise there will be legal action.

Thank you,

Laertis Ikonomou

From: Manuscripts Walsh Medical Media <wwwmanuscripts@journalsci.org>
Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 12:15 AM
To: Laertis Ikonomou <laertisi@buffalo.edu>
Subject: Re: FW: Urgent: Request for Retraction of Fraudulent Publication

Dear Dr. Laertis Ikonomou,

We understand your concern and definitely will remove the article from the website. In mean while we need a confirmation regarding the withdrawal charges. Once the article has been recieved from the author within 24 hours the article will be withdrawal. Otherwise, as per the author guidelines you need to pay the fee.

Once check the journal page and conform the charges. In mean while, once we will dicuss with our team.

Regards,

Dwayne Harrison

On Oct 6 2025, at 5:01 am, Laertis Ikonomou <laertisi@buffalo.edu> wrote:

Please see below. I have received no reply to my email and the paper in question is still online. Please remove this paper immediately.

From: Laertis Ikonomou
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 12:10 PM
To: 'wmmeditor@medicalsoci.org' <wmmeditor@medicalsoci.org>
Cc: 'cope@publicationethics.org' <cope@publicationethics.org>; 'rui.amaralmendes@case.edu' <rui.amaralmendes@case.edu>
Subject: Urgent: Request for Retraction of Fraudulent Publication
Importance: High

To whom it may concern.

I am writing to report a serious violation of research integrity and publication ethics. A paper has been published in your online journal under my name without my knowledge or consent:

<https://www.walshmedicalmedia.com/open-access/the-applications-of-gene-therapy-in-the-treatment-of-genetic-and-acquired-diseases-134239.html>

I did not author this article. The email address and institutional affiliation listed are not mine.

I request that you:

1. Immediately remove this article from your website.
2. Confirm in writing that the removal has been completed.
3. Provide an explanation of how this submission was accepted given the fake email address and affiliation of the author and what measures your journal will take to prevent such incidents in the future.

I am copying here the **COPE** and one of your editors-in-chief, **Dr. Rui Amaral Mendes** (<https://www.walshmedicalmedia.com/carcinogenesis-mutagenesis/editor-in-chief.html>)

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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