
The Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of *Research and Reports in Urology* wish to retract the published article.

Concerns were raised to the Editor in Chief that data presented in the published article was taken from the Master’s (MSc) thesis of Lana Omer Ahmed without the appropriate permission or approval.

The issue was raised to the Head of the Physics Department (DPHY) at the Faculty of Science and Heath (FSCH) at Koya University, Iraq for investigation. It was confirmed that Ms Lana had completed her MSc at the Physics Department of Koya University and the data presented in the article was indeed the same data presented in her thesis. Specifically, the Editor in Chief has confirmed the data presented in Tables 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 of the published article were taken directly from corresponding tables presented in the MSc thesis of Ms Lana without her permission. It was also determined that no acknowledgement was given to Ms Lana for her contributions to the study.

The authors wish to apologise for this error.

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