

Editorial retraction

Retraction: Gunawansa, N. and Wolf, B., 2017. Transposed brachio-basilic arterio-venous fistulae versus prosthetic arteriovenous grafts; mid-term results and a review of literature. *Sri Lanka Journal of Surgery*, 35(2), pp.7–15.

Ajith P Malalasekera, Editor in Chief

A letter was received by the editor questioning the authenticity of the numbers quoted in this study. The data in the original article was evaluated by a team of the editorial board. The numbers cited by the authors are significantly higher than the numbers of surgical procedures (Transposed Brachio-Basilic Arterio-Venous Fistula (TBB-AVF) and prosthetic Arterio Venous Grafts (AVG) verified at the institute mentioned in the study.

The corresponding author has responded that “there has been some inaccuracy due to the inclusion of procedures performed in private institutions, outside the primary hospital setting indicated in the paper. This has led to inflation of the numbers of procedures quoted in the submission. Furthermore, there has been some confusion with regard to the number of 'vascular access procedures' quoted in the submission. Although the authors attempted to describe vascular access procedures to include all arterio-venous fistulae (AVF), arterio-venous grafts (AVG) and central venous catheters (CVC), it has been misunderstood as vascular access operations rather than procedures and the discrepancy in numbers has been highlighted.”

Therefore due to discrepancies relating to the study population numbers, and as requested by the corresponding author, the article is retracted.

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