

### **Parsian H et al. Relationship between serum hyaluronic acid level and stage of liver fibrosis in patients with chronic hepatitis. *Biochem Med* 2009;19:154-65.**

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The above stated article has been retracted from the *Biochemia Medica* Journal.

It has been recently brought to the Editor-in-chief's attention by Monica Acalovschi, who is the Editor-in-chief of the Journal *Gastrointestinal Liver Diseases* that Hadi Parsian has since 2009 published three articles with close similarities:

1. Parsian H, Rahimipour A, Nouri M, Somi MH, Qujeq D, Fard MK, Agcheli K. Serum hyaluronic acid and laminin as biomarkers in liver fibrosis. *J Gastrointestin Liver Dis.* 2010;19(2):169-74.
2. Parsian H, Rahimipour A, Nouri M, Somi MH, Qujeq D. Assessment of liver fibrosis development in chronic hepatitis B patients by serum hyaluronic acid and laminin levels. *Acta Clin Croat.* 2010;49(3):257-65.
3. Parsian H et al. Relationship between serum hyaluronic acid level and stage of liver fibrosis in patients with chronic hepatitis. *Biochemia Medica* 2009;19(2):154-65.

Authors have submitted their work to *Biochemia Medica* along with a cover letter clearly stating that their manuscript is original, has not been published before and is not currently being considered for publication elsewhere.

Unfortunately, after thorough investigation we conclude that all three published articles have close similarities and high degree of homology. They originate from the same investigation, they report same results on the same patients. This is considered as self-plagiarism and serious publication misconduct.

Article published in the *Journal of Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases* in June 2010, has been retracted this March.

Due to the above stated reasons, we therefore retract the article published in *Biochemia Medica*. The authors have been informed about the reasons for the retraction decision.