

EDITORIAL RETRACTION

The Editors of the peer-reviewed *Journal of Biological Research-Thessaloniki (JBR)* found themselves in the unpleasant position to editorially retract the paper entitled “*Molecular characterization of five species of the genus Chara (division Charophyta) from India*” by Deepika Abrol, Subodh Bhatnagar and Sanjeev Kumar, which appeared in Vol. 6 (2006): 213-220 (Received: 18 April 2006, Accepted: 12 September 2006).

This paper bears a significant overlap with another paper entitled “*Biodiversity of few Indian charophyte taxa based on molecular characterization and construction of phylogenetic tree*” by Deepika Abrol and Subodh K. Bhatnagar, which appeared in the African Journal of Biotechnology, 5 (2006): 1511-1518 (Accepted: 28 June 2006).

The Editors gave the opportunity and sufficient time to the authors to explain themselves (the corresponding author Deepika Abrol was contacted) but no reply was provided. Furthermore, it should be stressed that in the “Instruction to Authors” (printed on the last page of each volume or appearing electronically in the JBR site) it is explicitly stated that “...MS (submitted manuscripts) are considered on the understanding that their contents have not appeared or will not appear elsewhere in substantially the same or abbreviated form”.

The Editors have carefully assessed information gathered during cross-checking of these two published papers and decided to retract the paper by Deepika Abrol, Subodh Bhatnagar and Sanjeev Kumar in order to sustain the credibility and maintain the high standards of *Journal of Biological Research-Thessaloniki*.

Finally, the Editors of JBR regret the time and effort invested by reviewers and others for evaluating this paper.

For the Editors of JBR
Prof. Dr. A.M. Bosabalidis (Editor-in-Chief)