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## Notice of duplicate publication

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*Asian Journal of Andrology (AJA)* wishes to inform its readers of the following incident of duplicate publication.

The article *Molecular mechanism of epididymal protease inhibitor modulating the liquefaction of human semen* [1] by Wang ZJ, Zhang W, Feng NH, Song NH, Wu HF and Sui YG, published in the Sep 2008 issue of *AJA* contains substantial data from the two original articles by Wang ZJ *et al.* [2] and O’Rand MG *et al.* [3] based on work performed by Dr Wang while in Dr O’Rand’s laboratory.

Wang ZJ, *et al.* [1] used common data and identical text extensively without the permission of Dr. Michael G. O’Rand, the corresponding author of the two original articles [2, 3]. Specifically, Figures 2 and 3 in *AJA* [1] were same with Figures 6 and 7 in *Biol Reprod* [2], and Figure 4 in *AJA* [1] was the same with Figure 4 in *Mol Cell Endocrinol* [3]. Dr Wang ZJ is a co-author of original articles [2, 3] and cited these two original articles as references in Wang ZJ *et al.* [1].

The following response was written by authors of Wang ZJ *et al.* [1] after they were informed that this notice would be published.

*We admit that we had used the data of articles published in Biol Reprod [2] and Mol Cell Endocrinol [3] extensively and this was a mistake. We realize this serious misconduct caused bad affection to the journals and authors involved.*

*We would like to apologize to Dr Michael G. O’Rand, corresponding author and other authors of the two original articles. We would also like to most sincerely apologize to the editors and readers of all three journals involved.*

### References

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