

Apology

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For the Sir Nicholas Attygalle Oration 1996, I submitted, with written permission from my supervisor, the results of some research work I did in 1994/1995 at the University College London Surgical research laboratory, under the supervision of Mr. Chu Yiu Yiu, on the subject of molecular markers in metachronous colorectal cancer. This oral presentation was later submitted to the *Ceylon Medical Journal* in September 1996, at the request of a member of its editorial board.

My submission to the *Ceylon Medical Journal* had to be revised extensively, and it was only published in the *Ceylon Medical Journal* of December 1999 (1).

During this period, my supervisor (Mr C Y Yiu) and colleagues had submitted this work to the *British Journal of Surgery*, which published the article (2).

The results reported in the *Ceylon Medical Journal* (1) and the *British Journal of Surgery* (2) are substantially the same, and incorporated the work that I had collabo-

rated in performing with my supervisor and other colleagues as stated in the first paragraph.

I apologise to the Editorial Boards of the *British Journal of Surgery* and of the *Ceylon Medical Journal* for my act of omission, in failing to notify the respective boards, that the results reported in the *British Journal of Surgery* article would be incorporated into the article that I had submitted to the *Ceylon Medical Journal*.

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