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As Editor-in-Chief of the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*, it has come to my attention that two articles that have published in our journal are very similar to the content of previously published papers.

Specifically, the two articles:

Scabini S, Rimini E, Massobrio A, Romairone E, Linari C, Scordamaglia R, Marini LD, Ferrando V. Primary omental torsion: A case report. *World J Gastrointest Surg* 2011 Oct 27; 3(10): 153-5. DOI: 10.4240/wjgs.v3.i10.153. PubMed PMID: 22110847; PMCID: PMC3220728 has a number of very common features to the previously published paper Efthimiou M, Kouritas VK, Fafoulakis F, Fotakakis K, Chatzitheofilou K. Primary omental torsion: report of two cases. *Surg Today* 2009; 39(1): 64-7. DOI: 10.1007/s00595-008-3794-7. Epub 2009 Jan 8. PMID: 19132472.

Scabini S. Sentinel node biopsy in colorectal cancer: Must we believe it? *World J Gastrointest Surg* 2010 Jan 27; 2(1): 6-8. DOI: 10.4240/wjgs.v2.i1.6 PMID: 21160827; PMCID: PMC2999193 has copied entire paragraphs from two papers by Nicholl M, Bilchik AJ. Is routine use of sentinel node biopsy justified in colon cancer? *Ann Surg Oncol* 2008 Jan; 15(1): 1-3. Epub 2007 Oct 11. PubMed PMID: 17929100 and Bilchik AJ, Compton C. Close collaboration between surgeon and pathologist is essential for accurate staging of early colon cancer. *Ann Surg.* 2007 Jun; 245(6): 864-6. PMID: 17522510; PMCID: PMC1876950.

Based on my review of the aforementioned articles, these two articles are being



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retracted.

I have also asked the office of the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery* to make it a matter of policy to use routinely anti-plagiarism software to screen all submissions to the journal in the future.

Sincerely,

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