RETRACTION

The authors of the case report *One-shot Balloon Dilation of Esophageal Stricture due to Unusual Lichen Planus Localization* published as an Image of the Issue in December 2016 in the Journal of Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases (volume 25, number 4) have communicated to us they wish to retract this article from the journal.

The patient and especially her sons, after having been shown the printed article, asked the authors to withdraw the manuscript, threatening to commence legal proceedings. Although no clear identification of the patient is possible from the publication, the first author, Mariano Sica, respecting the patient's decision and having obtained the consent of all authors, has officially requested the removal of this "Image of the issue" from the electronic accessibility from both the PubMed and JGLD sites. He apologises for having generated this undesirable situation, but he cannot act in any other way, due to the patient's new decision.

The Editors accept the retraction of this article from the Journal at the request of the author and will proceed accordingly.

Monica Acalovschi, on behalf of the Editorial Committee