**IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PAPER WITHDRAWAL DUE TO SELF-PLAGIARISM**

Journal of Medical Biochemistry is the legal successor of the journal Yugoslav Medical Biochemistry, and for this reason, it has initiated digitalization of previous editions of Yugoslav Medical Biochemistry to make them available in electronic form on the website of the Society of Medical Biochemists of Serbia (www.dmbj.org.rs). During the process, the IT department has screened the following scientific papers:

**Association of ApoE Polymorphism with Serum Lipids in Serbian Healthy Population**
Sanja Stanković, Vesna Spasović-Kalimanovska, Dragan Alavantić
Jugoslov Med Biohem 2000: 19: 115-120

**The Effect of a Gender Difference in the Apolipoprotein E Gene DNA Polymorphism on Serum Lipid Levels in a Serbian Healthy Population**
Sanja Stanković, Sanja Glišić, Dragan Alavantić

and discovered a high level of plagiarism between these two papers – 67%, 45% of which from CCLM. Also, four tables which are identical in both papers were not taken into account, and the trials in both papers were carried out on 591 subjects, which would lead to an even greater percentage of self-plagiarism of the authors. Namely, these are identical papers, which points to the authors’ self-plagiarism.

This is a criminal act of autoplagiarism that is not allowed in the scientific community, according to all the rules of the code of ethics relating to the publication of scientific findings.

For these reasons, the Editorial Board of the Journal informed those concerned and retracted the paper first of all from the National Library of Serbia and other databases where our journal is indexed (WAME, COPE, SCOPUS, EMBASE, VINITI, KoBSON, etc.).