Author's comment on the retraction of "Neuroradiological advances detect abnormal neuroanatomy underlying neuropsychological impairments: the power of PET imaging"

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Dear Sir,

It has come to my attention that an article published in this journal, entitled "Neuroradiological advances detect abnormal neuroanatomy underlying neuropsychological impairments: the power of PET imaging," has been retracted owing to similarities to a previous publication in the literature [1,2]. I wish to emphasize that this communication totally reflected my views and concepts about the role of PET imaging in assessment of neuropsychiatric disorders. However, I was not aware that passages from another paper had been included without proper citation, nor did I have any reason to suspect that this had happened.

Although I am confident that the science behind our work was sound, the improper use of other authors' work—whether intentional or not—is not at all acceptable. It is unfortunate that the utility of this review article for the medical community has been compromised in such a way, but I give my full support to the Editor-in-Chief and stand behind his decision to retract the article owing to the close similarity of some passages to parts

of a previous publication. Neglecting to confirm the originality of the text by using a plagiarism prevention service prior to publication was a regrettable oversight that I will not let happen again. The availability of plagiarism detection software or other means for authors to identify such unethical behavior in the future will substantially improve our ability to scrutinize contributions in advance of publication.

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