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Retraction Note

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The corresponding author, Dr Pablo Perez Goodwyn, submitted this article [1] to Central European Journal of Biology (CEJB) shortly after submitting the article [2] to Journal of Bionic Engineering (JBE). JBE published it as a research article in June 2008, and in July 2008 the article was published as a communication in CEJB. Since there are significant unacknowledged similarities between the two papers, it has been brought to the attention of the authors that duplicate submission and publication have taken place. The editors of CEJB consider this an infringement of professional ethics and therefore the decision has been made to retract the article published in Central European Journal of Biology.

Dr Pablo Perez Goodwyn accepts full responsibility for this unfortunate situation and is deeply sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused to the reviewers, editorial and publishing staff of Central European Journal of Biology. An apology is also extended to the readers.

[1] An accurate method to directly measure water strider's stroke force on the water (*Aquarius paludum*: Heteroptera: Gerridae), Central European Journal of Biology, Vol. 3, No. 3, 2008, pp. 299–306

[2] Water striders: the biomechanics of water locomotion and functional morphology of the hydrophobic surface (Insecta: Hemiptera-Heteroptera), Journal of Bionic Engineering, Vol. 5, No. 2, 2008, pp. 121–126

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