Regarding Authorship

To the Editor:

I was unpleasantly surprised when I saw my name implicated in a case of duplicate publication. The note appeared in *Circulation Research* (2002;91:e33), and it referred to a publication of an article (Arriero et al. 2002;90:719–727) that displayed a gel that had been previously published in at least three other studies. As the first author on one of these publications (Alonso et al. *Mol Cell Biol*. 1997;17:5719–5726), I would like to point out some clarifications to this respect. (1) As a postdoctoral fellow, I worked in the laboratory implicated from September 1995 to August 1996, and during this time, I carried out all the experiments presented in the study published in the journal *Molecular and Cellular Biology* in 1997. (2) Some of these experiments were not published on that occasion and appeared later in Sánchez de Miguel et al (*J Vasc Res*. 1999;36:201–208) (Figures 3 and 4), where I appear as the second author. However, I was not asked to give my permission for this publication, and I had no knowledge of this study until it was finally published. Thus, I did not know that some figures that had been previously published in Alonso et al would also appear in Sánchez de Miguel et al. (3) I have not had any relationship with subsequent publications from this laboratory nor with the unauthorized use of my experiments in Jimenez et al (*Circulation*. 2001;104:1822–1830) and Arriero et al (*Circ Res*. 2002;90:719–727).

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