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## Letters

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### **Carpal Tunnel Syndrome – Adduction versus Abduction**

**Editor** - Sansone et al<sup>1</sup> describe the findings of carpal tunnel syndrome in a recent article in *Clinical Medicine & Research*. In this article, the authors repeatedly describe weakness of thumb *adduction* as a sign of a carpal tunnel syndrome and cite the 2000 *JAMA* article by D'Arcy and McGee<sup>2</sup> as support of these statements; however, it is thumb *abduction*, by the *abductor pollicis* muscle, which is weak in carpal tunnel syndrome.<sup>2</sup> Weakness of thumb *adduction* is due to a problem of the *adductor pollicis* muscle, which is mainly innervated by the ulnar nerve. The typical sign of such an ulnar palsy is the Froment's sign, named after the French physician, Jules Froment.

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### **Expression of Concern – Sudbo J. Novel Management of Oral Cancer: A Paradigm of Predictive Oncology. Clin Med Res 2004;2:233-242.**

In a letter dated July 6, 2006, the editors of *Clinical Medicine & Research* were notified by officials at the Rikshospitalet-Radiumhospitalet Medical Center, Oslo, Norway of a recent investigation into the potential scientific misconduct of one of the hospital's employees, Jon Sudbo. During the investigation led by Professor Anders Ekbom of the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, it was determined that Jon Sudbo had fabricated data in his PhD research project. Many of his subsequent published articles were based upon this fabricated data. Thus, the Commission of Inquiry into Jon Sudbo's scientific fraud has recommended these articles be retracted.

At this time, the editors of *Clinical Medicine & Research* express our concern regarding the legitimacy of the article we published in 2004 by Jon Sudbo.<sup>1</sup> We are awaiting the English translation of the Commission's complete report and will make a final judgment into the request for retraction after we have reviewed the report in its entirety. We will keep our

readers informed of additional information received and decisions made regarding this article.

1. Sudbo J. Novel Management of Oral Cancer: A Paradigm of Predictive Oncology. *Clin Med Res* 2004;2:233-242.

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