

## Retraction Notice

The European Scientific Journal (ESJ) Ethics Committee has decided to retract the following article:

**Hadach, F., Algouti, A., Algouti, A., & Mourabit, Z. (2015). “Example of Paleosebkha Littoral Deposits of Senonian in the ‘Basins Zone’ of Ait Ourir (Marrakech High Atlas, Morocco).” European Scientific Journal, ESJ, 11(18), 306–316.**

The decision follows a complaint received concerning substantial similarities between this article and an earlier publication:

**Algouti, A., Algouti, A., Azzaoui, K. A., & Chbani, B. (1993). “Exemple de dépôts de paléosebkha littorale du Sénonien dans la ‘zone des cuvettes’ d’Ait Ourir (Haut-Atlas de Marrakech, Maroc).” Revue de la Faculté des Sciences-Semlalia, No. 7, 197–210.**

The earlier article was published in 1993 and presents the same study area and scientific work. Its first page also contains the corresponding English title and abstract.

Following examination of both publications, the ESJ Ethics Committee determined that the 2015 article contains substantial reproduction and translation of material from the 1993 publication, including the underlying scientific content, without appropriate acknowledgement of the earlier publication or disclosure that substantially overlapping work had previously been published.

The Committee therefore concluded that the article represents **substantial unattributed reuse of previously published material and redundant publication**, which is incompatible with ESJ publication-ethics standards and accepted principles of research integrity.

The authors were contacted by the ESJ Editorial Office and were given an opportunity to respond to the concerns raised. **No response was received.** The absence of a response does not prevent the journal from correcting the scholarly record when sufficient evidence has been established.

In accordance with the **COPE Retraction Guidelines**, which recognize substantial unattributed reuse of previously published material and redundant publication as grounds for retraction, the ESJ Ethics Committee has therefore decided to retract the article.

The purpose of this retraction is to correct the scholarly record and to ensure transparency regarding the prior publication of substantially overlapping material.

**ESJ Ethics Committee**  
**European Scientific Journal, ESJ**  
**Date of retraction: 14.09.2026**

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