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He and Song Mao have asked for the article to be retracted on the ground that data included in it and its conclusions are to a significant degree the same as those previously published in *Chin J Evid Based Pediatr* 2011;6:4.

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