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On 25 November 2009 it was drawn to our attention that the manuscript entitled
“Coastal upwelling along the southwest coast of India – ENSO modulation” by K. Muni Kr-
ishna published in Ocean Sci. Discuss., 5, 123–134, 2008, contains substantial amounts
of material that have been published elsewhere by other authors (specifically Progress
in Oceanography, 49, 245–255) without any reference to the original work. Although it
does not appear that the author in question duplicated actual scientific data, it is very
clear that a substantial portion of the structure, text, and scientific discussion of the
original paper was replicated in the Krishna manuscript without any attribution to the
precedent paper. For example, more than 83% of the words in the Krishna abstract
are the same as the original article and in the same order. While the underlying sci-
entific data of this work may in fact be original, the wording, sentence, and paragraph
structure of the entire manuscript shows such strong similarity (in many cases whole-
sale replication of sentences and phrases) that we must conclude that there has been

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excessive use of previously published material without appropriate attribution and is consequently not an original contribution. During the course of this investigation, two further irregularities were discovered. First, it was revealed that Dr. Krishna had submitted the same manuscript to two separate Journals (Ocean Science Discussions and Annales Geophysicae) on the same day (6 March 2008) without informing either journal of this replication. Second, it appears that these submissions were made while a substantively similar manuscript was in review at yet another journal (Atmospheric Science Letters, submitted 4 January 2008).

On the basis of these irregularities, we have decided to formally withdraw the article from this publication.

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