Notice of inadvertent duplicate publication: Statin-induced apoptosis of vascular endothelial cells is blocked by dexamethasone

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The journal wishes to draw attention to a paper by C J Newton *et al.*, 'Fluvastatin induces apoptosis of vascular endothelial cells: blockade by glucocorticoids', published in *Cardiovascular Surgery* 2003 **11** 52–60, that bears close similarity to the above titled article by the same authors first published in *Journal of Endocrinology* 2002 **174** 7–16.

These two articles are identical apart from the order of the authors and very minor changes in the figures and text, and we are therefore compelled to formally declare this as a case of inadvertent duplicate publication.

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