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- (a) In Vol. 20, No. 1, Feb. 2009, Article “Is I-Gel a new revolution among supraglottic airway devices? Page 53, Dr. Aslam Rizvi has been listed as MD, Resident. The correct status is DA, Resident (Diploma in Anaesthesiology).
- (b) In Vol. 20, No. 2, June 2009, Article “Robotic laparoscopy radical cystectomy: Inhalational vs Total intravenous analgesia: Pilot Study” page 257-263, Table 3, page 260, heading of the first column “Growth hormone (mg/ml⁻¹), should read “Growth hormone ng/ml).
- (c) In the following three articles (both under CONTENTS & REVIEW ARTICLES), published in Vol. 20, No. 2, June 2009, where Alan Kaye is listed as a co-author:
1. Anesthetic care of the patient with obstructive sleep apnea p. 143
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The name Alan Kaye should read Alan D. Kaye

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