Sir,

In the August, 2004 issue, we published a paper incorporating our first record of *Trichodinella epizootica* (Raabe, 1950) Šramek-Hušek, 1953 from a freshwater fish in India. Recently, it was pointed out to us that *Trichodinella epizootica* has already been reported from an Indian fish by Asmat (2001) from the host fish *Puntius serana* in Kalyani, West Bengal, India. As such, our claim of first record of this species in India is not tenable. However, the species obtained by us was recorded from *Puntius gelius* from a different locality. The matter was perhaps overlooked by the experts who reviewed the paper, because the description of the first report of *T. epizootica* was published in a University journal in Bangladesh which is neither available here nor in the Internet. In view of the fact that the particular species was obtained by several authors outside India, our “second” record of the species from this subcontinent only has a great significance so far as the distribution and host ranges of trichodinid ciliophorans are concerned.

Yours etc.

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