

From the Editorial Board:

The paper " *Vanishing results for semisimple Lie algebras* ", authored by C. Ciobanu and I. Coltescu, is retracted because it has been copied verbatim from the book " *Quantum Groups* ", Section XVIII, pp. 427-430, published by Professor Christian Kassel in GTM, vol. 155, Springer Verlag, New York, 1995, xii + 531 pp., ISBN 0-387-94370-6.

We are very sorry that we did not know this before publishing the paper and we express our deep appologies for this situation to the author (C. Kassel), to the Editors of Graduate Texts in Mathematics at Springer Verlag, to our readers and to Mathematical Reviews and Zentralblatt fur Mathematik.