Letter to the Editor

In your most recent issue of the *Journal of Extra-Corporeal Technology*, (Volume 22, No. 2), there was an article which appeared on pages 98-100 authored by A. William Paulsen titled "A Technique for Automatic Tubing Occlusion in Respect to Air Bubble Detection When Using a Centrifugal Pump" in which there are several references to a tubing product called Tygon® tubing. It is referred to in a generic manner.

Tygon® flexible plastic tubing is only manufactured by Norton Performance Plastics and the brand name "Tygon®" is a registered trademark of Norton Company.

Compounding the improper use of the "Tygon®" brand name is the fact that on page 99 of the aforementioned article, there is a photograph which shows the application mentioned in the article using another company's tubing called "Meda Flex" tubing. So, in fact, Tygon® tubing isn't even used in the application referred to by the author, Dr. Paulsen.

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*Editor's Note: Thank you for your observation in Dr. Paulsen's article. While JECT regrets any misunderstanding regarding the use of the "Tygon®" notation in Dr. Paulsen's article, it is the responsibility of all authors of professional scientific papers to cite and footnote all references to any manufacturer's product or literary reference used in the scientific procedures. While this information is often omitted in the scientific papers presented to JECT, all effort is made to locate possible errors before they are printed. To ensure that these errors do not occur, we encourage all authors to double check their references before sending scientific papers to be published.*