

LETTER TO THE EDITOR**RENAL LYMPHATIC DRAINAGE AND THORACIC DUCT CONNECTIONS**

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I read the article "Renal lymphatic drainage and thoracic duct connections: Implications for cancer spread" by J. Assouad et al, published in the March 2006 issue of *Lymphology* (1). I believe it is a very important investigation, and the second conclusion is particularly vital. The authors described and illustrated an anatomical variant of renal lymphatic which terminates in the thoracic duct directly without crossing through any lymph nodes. Exactly the same conclusion was drawn by B. Cunéo in 1902 (2); and later by F. Fuchs and H. Popper-Wien in 1938 (3): the reference to Cunéo is made in the article by J. Assouad et al. However, there are no digital images of the anatomical variant of renal lymphatic in their articles. The same renal lymphatic (Fig.) was detailed by A.V. Kuznetsov in 1987 (4). The article provides both a photograph and a scheme of the renal lymphatic. Not only should B. Cunéo's reference have been included but also the articles by Fuchs and Popper and A.V. Kuznetsov.

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