The authors would like to apologise both to our readers and to Dr Yu and colleagues for the mistake in our recent review article entitled “Regulation of male fertility by CFTR and implications in male infertility” in Human Reproduction Update (Advance Access published June 17, 2012. doi:10.1093/humupd/dms027). We cited Yu et al.’s article as “A systematic review and meta-analysis of articles reporting CFTR mutations and CBAVD from 1992 to 2011 indicates 78% of CBAVD patients have at least one mutation in the CFTR gene, 53% have two and 25% have only one (Yu et al., 2012). (The original percentage of two mutations and one mutation stated in the meta-analysis study conducted by Yu et al. 2012 are 46 and 28%, respectively. The authors of this study made a mistake in statistics. We have recalculated the percentage according to the original data of individual papers cited by the meta-analysis.)”.

The difference arose because Yu et al applied a more appropriate statistical technique involving a random effect model meta-analysis.

The cited sentences in our article should be corrected to “A systematic review and meta-analysis of articles reporting CFTR mutations and CBAVD from 1992 to 2011 indicates that 78% CBAVD patients have at least one mutation in CFTR gene, 46% have two and 28% have only one (Yu, et al., 2012).”