RETRACTION

Enhancement of regeneration with glia cell line–derived neurotrophic factor–transduced human amniotic fluid mesenchymal stem cells after sciatic nerve crush injury

TO THE EDITOR: We regretfully retract the following paper in response to accusations that it contains materials that constitute plagiarism, duplicate publication, and copyright infringement:


Reasons for Retraction

1. A portion of the text in the Discussion section of the 2010 Journal of Neurosurgery (J Neurosurg) paper is nearly identical to text published in the Discussion section of the following article whose authors are not listed in the J Neurosurg paper, and sufficient attribution was not given to this earlier work:


2. Some of the text in the Introduction section of the 2010 J Neurosurg paper is identical or nearly identical to text published in the Introduction section of the following article whose authors are not listed in the J Neurosurg paper, and sufficient attribution was not given to this earlier work:


3. Some text and figure panels in the 2010 J Neurosurg paper are very similar to what was published in the following paper, which shares some authors with the 2010 J Neurosurg paper:


Specifically, portions of text in the Introduction of the 2010 J Neurosurg paper can also be found in the Introduction of the 2009 article in the Journal of Biomedical Science, without any attribution. In addition, there appears to be duplication of content within some figure panels displayed in Figs. 3 and 4 in the J Neurosurg paper and some panels shown in Figs. 3 and 4, respectively, in the 2009 article in J Biomed Sci.

With respect to the text, before we submitted our manuscript, we used the anti-plagiarism program iThenticate to ensure that our manuscript would have less than 30% overlap with previous papers. We believed that this was sufficient, but actions taken by complainants and the Journal of Neurosurgery Publishing Group show that is not the case.

As to the complaint that there was overlap in our figures, it has been some time since the publication of our 2010 paper. Our original data are no longer available, and we are unable to refer to them.

We apologize to the Editor and Readership of the Journal of Neurosurgery, and we hereby retract our 2010 J Neurosurg paper (J Neurosurg 112:868–879, 2010). As corresponding author, I retract this article on behalf of all authors.

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