

From : Shelagh Ferguson-Miller <fergus20@mail.msu.edu>
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Subject : JBC paper

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry that this problem has occurred, for all concerned. I know that the scientific community as a whole is committed to maintaining the integrity of scientific publication, and it is critical that we work together to achieve this end.

The paper that you refer to, and related documents including digitally analyzed figures, were carefully reviewed by the Publications Office, the Journal Editor and the Publications Committee of ASBMB. A brief statement from the author's Institution indicating that they found no problem with the paper was also available to the Committee. However, it was the unanimous conclusion of the Editors and the Committee that there was data in a second paper that was reproduced (without citation and with different labelling) from a previously published paper. We therefore notified the author and withdrew the paper.

The ASBMB staff and the Publications committee were not aware of the Society for Scientific Values in India, or of any second opinion by another body of scientists that you mention. But we certainly applaud your goals and hope that we can work together in the future.

I apologize if we failed to communicate with all the appropriate bodies, including your organization, which we would otherwise have alerted to our concerns and of our decision.

Sincerely,
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Chair,
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