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## ***Editor's Announcement***

### **Quantitative morphometric analysis of vimentin filaments in Sertoli cells of rats after *in utero* DBP exposure**

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I have retracted the above paper as Editor-in-Chief of *Fundamental Toxicological Sciences* since I have serious concerns about it, primarily due to inappropriate authorship on a non-negligible scale.

Since the possibility of inappropriate authorship in this paper was raised, I contacted the co-authors to confirm this point. I found out that several of them considered their listing as co-authors to be inappropriate. In addition, more than half of the co-authors agreed to the retraction of this paper.

These facts raise concerns about the paper. From the standpoint of maintaining the integrity of the research community, I felt that such a paper should be retracted at once.

Accordingly, I sent a summary of my concerns about this paper to the corresponding author, Dr. Shin Wakui. I also had an online interview with him to discuss this matter. I told Dr. Wakui that inappropriate authorship on a non-negligible scale is a serious problem that raises concerns about the paper.

I prepared a draft of this Editor's Announcement and sent it to Dr. Wakui for review prior to revision and release. Although he did not agree to the retraction, I have decided to take this action from the standpoint of maintaining the integrity of the research community.

I coordinated my response to this issue with Dr. Toshiyuki Kaji, Editor-in-Chief of *The Journal of Toxicological Sciences*, a sister journal of *Fundamental Toxicological Sciences*.

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