

Article Commentary

A statement regarding the mass retraction of Iranian papers in November 2016

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This commentary concerns retracted papers published in *Tumor Biology* in 2016 [1–6] where my name was used as a co-author or the corresponding author without my knowledge or permission¹.

Accordingly, the General and Revolutionary Prosecutor's Office in District 31 of Tehran received my case against Mr. J.J. for identity fraud. After a trial, appeal, and several months of investigations, the court held Mr. J.J. accountable for the forgery of data by creating and using fake email addresses attributed to reputable authors for submission of manuscripts [1–6]. The final verdicts of the Branch no.1040 of Criminal Court 2, Shahid Qodousi Judicial Complex in Tehran and appeal court of Branch no.67 of Tehran Province Court of Appeal were announced under no. 140068390008027479, issued on 05/09/2021, and no. 140168390006910053, issued on 16/08/2022, respectively.²

Disclosure

The author, Dr. Aram Mokarizadeh, takes full responsibility for the content of this letter.

Supplementary material

Court statements may be shared by the Editor-in-Chief or the editorial office of *Tumor Biology* upon reasonable request and with written consent of Dr. Aram Mokarizadeh.

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¹The fraud has been previously reported by [7-8].

²This information was duly confirmed in investigation by the Editor-in-Chief of *Tumor Biology*. The company that provided the sworn translation of court statements into English is indeed a registered company. The Iranian Embassy in Warsaw confirmed the presented court statements certified by the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and presented to the Editor-in-Chief a summary of the court statements translated from Persian to Polish. The Editor-in-Chief confirmed that the statements are in agreement with Dr. Mokarizadeh's letter.

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