# Retractions

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**Peer review manipulation**

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After a thorough investigation, the Editor has concluded that the acceptance of this article was partly based upon the positive advice of at least one illegitimate reviewer report. The report was submitted from an email account which was provided to the journal as a suggested reviewer during the submission of the article. Although purportedly a real reviewer account, the Editor has concluded that this was not of an appropriate, independent reviewer.

This manipulation of the peer-review process represents a clear violation of the fundamentals of peer review, our publishing policies, and publishing ethics standards. Apologies are offered to the reviewer whose identity was assumed and to the readers of the journal that this deception was not detected during the submission process.

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**Expression of concern (unresolved authorship dispute)**

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This is a note of a temporary expression of concern related to the above-mentioned publication.

The concern is about a dispute of authorship brought to our attention by [complainant name]. [Insert a summary of the concern.]

The journal has not been presented with enough evidence to make a decision in favour of either party to the dispute. [Party A name(s)] and [Party B name(s)] were asked to resolve this dispute, however they have failed to come to an agreement.  
  
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