

Comments on the retraction of two papers from *Nature*

Today, two papers on the STAP phenomenon carried in *Nature* were officially retracted. I deeply regret this, as the hopes of many people have been betrayed.

Many problems were pointed out regarding the figures and text in the papers starting soon after they were published, and some of these problems were sufficiently serious to call the conclusions of the papers into question. Retracting a paper is an extremely painful decision to make for a researcher, but I decided, on March 10, to call on my fellow authors to make a retraction.

Subsequently, two of the problems were ruled to constitute research misconduct, and there have been further issues pointed on in the meantime. As a result, I feel that retracting the papers is something that had to be done.

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