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This article was withdrawn from the website on July 3 as the paper it was based on has been retracted.

## Update on the STAP cell papers

Following the publication of two reports by RIKEN researchers on the generation of stem cells from differentiated cells via a process called [STAP](#), in the journal *Nature* on January 29, a number of issues have been pointed out regarding the handling and presentation of data.

In response, RIKEN has launched an independent inquiry into the content of the papers, conducted by a panel of experts from within and outside RIKEN, and will publish the results of this inquiry as soon as it is concluded.

In addition, on March 5, a detailed protocol was published on [Nature Protocol Exchange](#) in the interest of providing assistance to researchers interested in replicating or using the technique described in the report (*Nature* 505, 641-647). The technical tips are also available on the [RIKEN website](#).

The two original reports were published in *Nature* DOI:10.1038/nature12968 and DOI:10.1038/nature12969.



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