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Subject: Retraction Request

Dear Dr. Heber,

I am writing as the Responsible Official at the University of Maryland, Baltimore regarding the following manuscript:

Yang, Y. H., Zhou, H., Binmadi, N. O., Proia P., Basile, J.R. (2011) Plexin-B1 Activates NF-kB and IL-8 to Promote a Pro-Angiogenic Response in Endothelial Cells. PLoS One, Vol. 6 (10).

1. Figure 2B: The histogram with the group data for I-kB super-repressor (SR) does not appear to exactly match the staining density of the cells transfected with SR. However, examination reveals that the histogram for the BAY11-7085-treated cells in Fig. 2A was actually duplicated, and used again with the label changed to "SR" in Fig. 2B.

The University of Maryland, Baltimore conducted an internal investigation which found that the evidence supports retraction of the publication in order to correct the scientific record and ensure its integrity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce E. Jarrell".

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