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Subject: Re: Retraction application (10.1039/D0NR07176E)

Date: Tue, 15 Feb 2022 10:11:01 -0500

From: Vince Rotello <rotello@chem.umass.edu>

To: PublishingEthics (Shared) [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Attached please find the signed copy of my approval.

Best wishes,

Vince

On 2/15/22 6:41 AM, PublishingEthics (Shared) wrote:

Dear [REDACTED],

Thanks for your quick response. We need all authors to provide written approval of the notice, by email.

After we have received approval from all authors we will begin processing the notice. In this case we will not send you the Proofs, it will be processed internally and we will inform you once the Retraction is published online.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Publishing Ethics Executive

Royal Society of Chemistry

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 12 February 2022 05:02

To: PublishingEthics (Shared) [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

rotello@chem.umass.edu

Subject: Re:RE: Re:RE: Re:RE: Retraction application (10.1039/D0NR07176E)

Dear Editor:

I am very grateful for your advice and help for modifying this manuscript (Efficient in vivo wound healing using noble metal nanoclusters) retraction notice. We will accept the content on this notice. This notice has been forwarded to all authors with this reply email. I would like to inquire about the way to confirm this retraction. Do we need to each send you an email to approve this notice and retraction? Or wait for you to send the official link (or email), and then follow the email prompt to retract the manuscript?

Finally, thank you very much for your precious time and help again.

Wish you all the best,

At 2022-02-11 19:11:25, "PublishingEthics (Shared)" [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear [REDACTED],

Please could you let me know if the other authors have approved the notice?

For clarity I would suggest changing the first sentence to: We, the named authors, hereby wholly retract this *Nanoscale* article due to errors in the labelling and filing of the data, which has led to ambiguity over the correct data for each Figure.

I have not changed the end paragraph.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Publishing Ethics Executive

Royal Society of Chemistry

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 February 2022 01:39
To: PublishingEthics (Shared) [REDACTED]
Subject: Re:RE: Re:RE: Retraction application (10.1039/D0NR07176E)

Dear Editor:

We have slightly modified the beginning and end of the paragraph according to the actual situation. Attached is the revised notice, I hope to get your permission and approval. Thanks a lot for your precious time and understanding.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

At 2022-02-08 01:16:23, "PublishingEthics (Shared)" [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your patience whilst I discussed this with the Editorial team and prepared the draft notice.

I have attached a draft Retraction notice, please could you check it? If you are happy with it my next step will be to go to all authors of the article to sign the notice.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Publishing Ethics Executive

Royal Society of Chemistry

From: PublishingEthics (Shared)

Sent: 15 December 2021 16:35

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: rotello@umass.edu

Subject: RE: Re:RE: Retraction application (10.1039/D0NR07176E)

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for providing this information. I will look through this in detail and I will be in touch in due course.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Publishing Ethics Executive

Royal Society of Chemistry

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 15 December 2021 02:02

To: PublishingEthics (Shared) [REDACTED]
Cc: rotello@umass.edu
Subject: Re:RE: Retraction application (10.1039/D0NR07176E)

Dear Editor:

It was found the images were put in separated folders though they were from the same samples. I would like to find the correct classification, but because a long time has passed, the test record is very rough, so it is difficult to clarify the right data. There are serious errors in four pictures including Figure 1a (control and GSH-AgNCs in 1 hours), Figure 5 (control and GSH-AgNCs, DHLA-AgNCs and DHLA-AuNCs in H&E 200×) and Figure S12 (control and DHLA-AgNCs), in the article, making it very difficult to proofread the manuscript. These figures were accidentally came from the same tissue.

Figure 1a, Control and GSH-AgNCs in 1 hours.

Figure 5, Control and GSH-AgNCs, DHLA-AgNCs and DHLA-AuNCs in H&E 200.

Figure 12, Control and DHLA-AgNCs.

Nanoscale is a very high-level journal, and such errors should not appear in the journal. To avoid adverse effects on Nanoscale, I decided to take the initiative to withdraw the manuscript (DOI:

10.1039/d0nr07176e). At the same time, I will learn from the wrong lessons and deal with the data seriously. Thank you very much for your precious time.

Sincerely,

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At 2021-12-14 20:28:04, "PublishingEthics (Shared)" ██████████ wrote:

Dear ██████████,

Thank you for your message below which has been passed onto me. In order for us to consider your request, please could you send me a detailed description of all the errors in the manuscript? We will then consider the most appropriate action to correct the scientific literature.

As the publisher we have a duty to maintain the scientific record and will consider a retraction only if:

- we have clear evidence that the findings are unreliable, either as a result of misconduct (for example, data fabrication) or honest error (such as a miscalculation or experimental error)
- the findings have previously been published elsewhere without proper cross-referencing, permission or justification (that is, cases of redundant publication)
- the publication constitutes plagiarism
- the publication reports unethical research.

Retracted articles will remain visible on our website but will be watermarked with the word 'RETRACTED' and a retraction notice will be linked to each article.

Our policy on retractions and corrections can be found on our website:

<http://www.rsc.org/journals-books-databases/journal-authors-reviewers/processes-policies/#correction-retraction>

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
Publishing Ethics Executive

Royal Society of Chemistry

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 November 2021 03:10
To: Nanoscale (shared) [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] rotello@umass.edu
Subject: Retraction application (10.1039/D0NR07176E)

Dear Editor:

I am writing to retract the manuscript (Efficient in vivo wound healing using noble metal nanoclusters, <https://pubs.rsc.org/en/content/articlelanding/2021/nr/d0nr07176e>) Due to improper grouping and naming methods, different types of pictures were not classified into different folders, but they were arranged based on memory, which lead to confusion in processing data. Several related pictures are disordered. After repeated verifications many times, I found that these strategies could treat rats' wounds. If you could repeat this experiment, you would find the drugs indeed work. However, I was very sloppy about details that caused an irreparable mistake for displaying the images. For this, I deeply apologize and must retract the manuscript. All details will be re-examined. I apologize again for my stupidity and lack of rigor, but it will not happen again anywhere. Thank you very much for all of your help. I will learn my lesson strictly in the future.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Concern raised regarding Nanoscale NC paper

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From: Vince Rotello <rotello@chem.umass.edu>

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Please see the concern below published on PubPeer. I examined the image more closely and their conclusion appears to be justified. Please look into this issue and let me know your response.

Thank you,

Vince

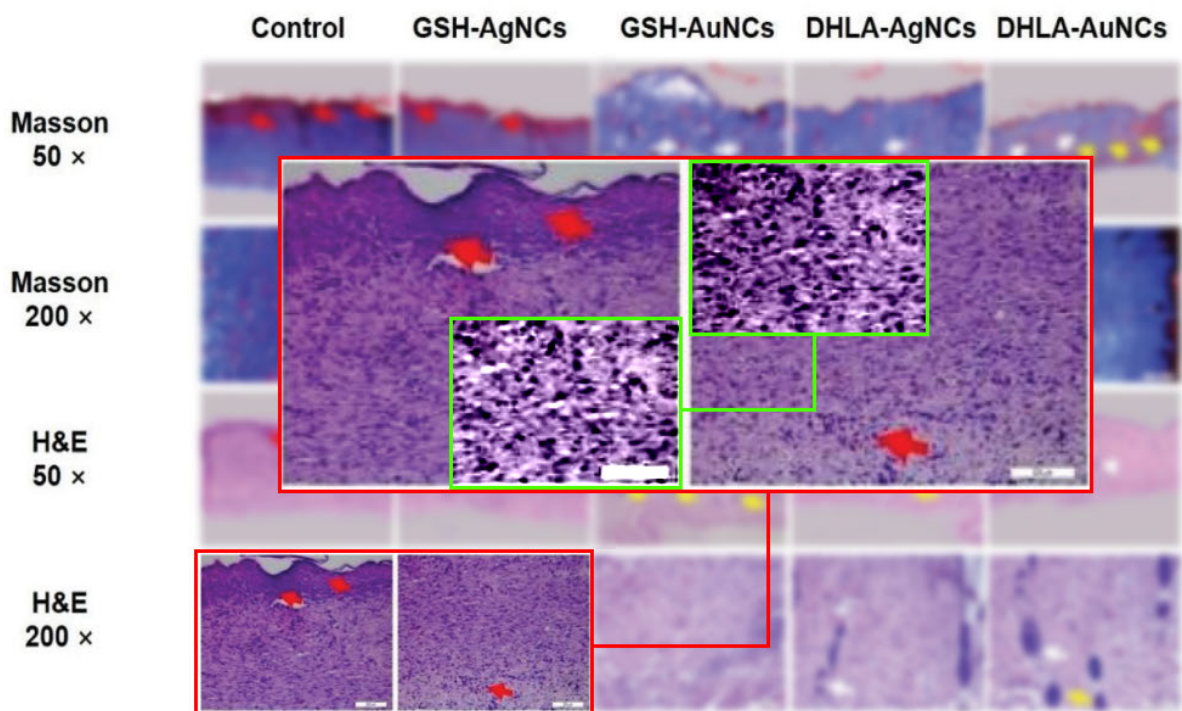


Figure 5: There is an overlap between two images taken from different experimental conditions. I've added a version below with the contrast enhanced. It's difficult to match the brightness perfectly, but all of the same structures can be matched between these two sections. Would the authors comment?

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