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To: [Vigues, Stephan](#)
Cc: [Chen, Tony \(tchen@wiley.com\)](mailto:tchen@wiley.com)
Subject: FW: [Confidential] Article in Mol. Carcinog. - Kerr et al. (2018)
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 4:50:27 PM
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Dear Dr. Vigues,

Thank you for sending this to my attention. Tony Chen will follow up with Wiley's established process for integrity of scientific publications.

Best,

Xiao-Jing

From: Vigues, Stephan <svigues@umaryland.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:52 PM
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Subject: [Confidential] Article in Mol. Carcinog. - Kerr et al. (2018)

Dear Dr. Wang,

Please find attached a letter from the Interim Provost and Executive Vice President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore related to an investigation that resulted in findings in the Molecular Carcinogenesis journal.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Best.

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From: [Lila Gierasch](#)
To: [Vigues, Stephan](#)
Subject: Re: [Confidential] 3 Articles investigated by UMB
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 9:12:51 AM
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Thank you for notifying us. We will follow up in terms of action about the articles in JBC.
Lila Gierasch

On Jan 13, 2021, at 12:24 AM, Vigues, Stephan <svigues@umaryland.edu> wrote:

Dr. Gierasch,

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From: [Vigues, Stephan](#)
To: [George Baillie](#)
Cc: [Eckert, Richard](#)
Subject: RE: [Confidential] Article in Cellular Signaling - Balasubramanian et al. (2015)
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:55:00 AM

Dear George,

Thanks for your quick response on this matter.

I have cc'd the corresponding author, Dr. Eckert, who will communicate with you to provide the correct image to publish the corrigendum.

Sincerely,

Stephan.

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From: George Baillie <George.Baillie@glasgow.ac.uk>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 6:22 AM
To: Vigues, Stephan <svigues@umaryland.edu>
Subject: Re: [Confidential] Article in Cellular Signaling - Balasubramanian et al. (2015)

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Thanks again for letting us know...we feely strongly that the papers we publish are noy compromised in any way.

Best Wishes

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Sent: 13 January 2021 04:37

To: George Baillie <George.Baillie@glasgow.ac.uk>

Subject: [Confidential] Article in Cellular Signaling - Balasubramanian et al. (2015)

Dear Dr. Baillie,

Please find attached a letter from the Interim Provost and Executive Vice President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore related to an investigation that resulted in findings in the Cellular Signaling journal.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

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Subject: RE: [Confidential] Article in J of Invest. Dermatology- Rorke et al. (2014)
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:36:24 PM

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Dear Dr. Vigues:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter, which will be reviewed by the Editor.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Blalock
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JID

From: Vigues, Stephan <svigues@umaryland.edu>
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To: JID Editor <jideditor@sidnet.org>
Subject: [Confidential] Article in J of Invest. Dermatology- Rorke et al. (2014)

Dr. Udey,

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From: [Veronique Kiermer](#)
To: [Vigues, Stephan](#)
Subject: Re: [Confidential] Article in PLoS One. - Han et al. (2012)
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 5:38:19 PM

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Dr Vigues,

Dr Heber is no longer with PLOS and I've passed on your correspondence to PLOS ONE Deputy Editor-in-Chief for follow up. Many thanks for reaching out to us,
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Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 8:59 PM
To: Joerg Heber <jheber@plos.org>
Subject: [Confidential] Article in PLoS One. - Han et al. (2012)

Dr. Heber,

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To: [Chen, Tony](#)
Subject: RE: Article in Molecular Carcinogenesis
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 11:49:00 PM

Dear Dr. Chen ,

Thank you for reaching out to me.

Ensuring the accuracy and integrity of the published scientific record is the primary purpose of the University's investigative process. The University's obligation is to inform the publisher when the investigation committee finds a paper's conclusions or other sections (such as figures) are undermined. The University considers the intent of any Respondent to be a personnel matter, which is confidential under Maryland law therefore I will not be able to provide the requested evidence.

Sincerely,

Stephan.

From: Chen, Tony <tchen@wiley.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 12:58 PM
To: Vigues, Stephan <svigues@umaryland.edu>
Subject: Article in Molecular Carcinogenesis

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Dear Dr. Vigues,

My name is Tony Chen and I am the Journal Publishing Manager for Molecular Carcinogenesis at Wiley. I just wanted to thank you for your letter (attached) and wanted to follow-up with you on a series of questions I have.

The error in this article seems to be confined to one panel of one figure. Our independent experts looked at that this and were unable to determine with certainty that this was falsification rather than honest error, so I wanted to reach out and ask if you have additional evidence that suggests that this was falsification rather than error. This will help determine what our next steps are. Thank you for your time and I hope you had a happy new year holiday!

Best Wishes,
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