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Subject:

Article 28: **Rorke, E., Adhikary, G., Young, C., Roop, D., & Eckert, R. (2014, May). Suppressing AP1 factor signaling in suprabasal epidermis produces a keratoderma phenotype. In Journal of Investigative Dermatology (Vol. 134, pp. S81-S81).**

Dear Dr. Udey,

I am writing as the Interim Provost and Executive Vice President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore regarding the Subject publications.

The University of Maryland, Baltimore conducted an internal investigation which found by a preponderance of the evidence that the article was compromised and the investigation committee recommended correction in order to correct the scientific record and ensure its integrity. The University leaves the final decision to retract or correct to the discretion of the journal.

- Article 28:

Below are the findings:

Figure 6A was falsified by the use of a different set of cells and conditions for the actin control.
Figure 6A was falsified by the duplication of the actin band for #3 and #4.
As presented, the beta actin control is fabricated to support the data presented in the article.

Sincerely,

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Interim Provost & Executive Vice President

Cc: Stephan Vigues, Research Integrity Officer
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