

From: [Isabel Casas](#)
To: [Vigues, Stephan](#); [Elena Gaidamakova](#)
Subject: Re: Reraction/correction request
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024 9:09:32 AM
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Dear Dr. Vigues, Elena no longer works for ASBMB.
This case is still ongoing on our end we cannot comment on it at this point.

Kind regards,
Isabel

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From: Vigues, Stephan <svigues@umaryland.edu>
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To: Elena Gaidamakova <egaidamakova@asbmb.org>
Cc: Isabel Casas <icasas@asbmb.org>
Subject: RE: Reraction/correction request

Dear Elena,

Would you have any update on the ongoing investigation related to the 3 JBC papers listed below?

J. Biol. Chem. (2015)290(21)13521-30.
J. Biol. Chem. (2014)289(16):11443-11453.
J. Biol. Chem. (2011)286(33)28772-28782.

As a reminder, you should know that UMB has investigated the entire lab and a Committee gathered

enough information to ask for retraction because the published data was manipulated and does not represent accurately the raw data. I'm just wondering what your ongoing investigation is about if you do not have the raw data?

Please let me know if there's anything I could provide to help speed up your process.

Thanks.

Stephan.

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Dear Dr. Vignes,

We have the investigation ongoing, and we will update you when completed.

Thank you for reaching out.

Kind regards,
Elena

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Data Integrity Manager

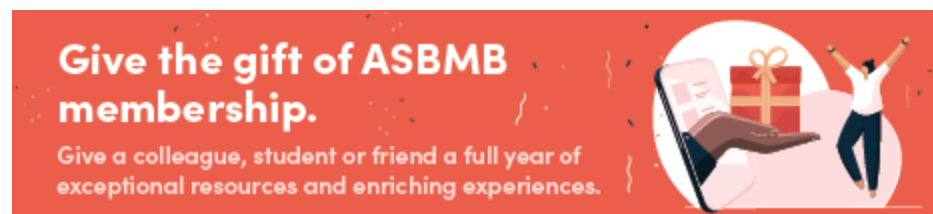
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From: Vigues, Stephan <svigues@umaryland.edu>

Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 4:29 PM

To: Elena Gaidamakova <egaidamakova@asbmb.org>

Cc: Isabel Casas <icasas@asbmb.org>

Subject: RE: Reraction/correction request

Dear Elena,

Would you have any update you can share with my office?

Best regards,
Stephan.

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From: Elena Gaidamakova <egaidamakova@asbmb.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2023 8:38 AM
To: Vignes, Stephan <svignes@umaryland.edu>
Cc: Isabel Casas <icasas@asbmb.org>; Robins, Irma <irobi001@umaryland.edu>
Subject: Re: Reraction/correction request

Dear Dr. Vignes,

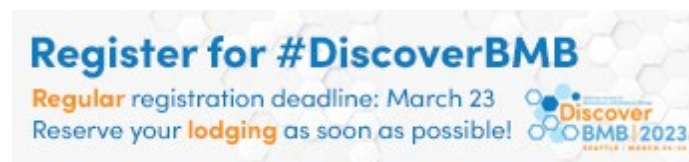
Thank you very much for additional information you provided. We'll contact you if we have any further questions.

Best regards,
Elena

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From: Vignes, Stephan <svignes@umaryland.edu>
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To: Elena Gaidamakova <egaidamakova@asbmb.org>
Cc: Isabel Casas <icasas@asbmb.org>, Robins, Irma <irobi001@umaryland.edu>
Subject: RE: Reraction/correction request

Dear Elena,

Attached is the redacted investigation report and the redacted forensic analysis (enclosure B). Attached is also a redacted addendum that was also added to correct a mistake in the report. The findings related to JBC are in allegations 10, 10a, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 19. Based on this first investigation, the committee recommended that the 3 papers be retracted.

Also, Regarding your request that the University confirm if all authors were contacted and agreed with the retraction, please note, University notices to publishers are based on an Investigation Committee's recommendation as approved by the Provost. The Committee's procedure requires allowing an author who is the subject of a research misconduct investigation to be interviewed by the Committee during the investigation, to request witnesses be interviewed and to submit written evidence. When appropriate, the Committee will interview one or more co-authors, before making its recommendations. Any author who is the subject of a research misconduct investigation is also given the opportunity to read and comment on the Committee's report, including recommendations for notices to publishers, before the recommendations become final. Authors who are the subject of a research misconduct investigation are also given the opportunity to appeal the Provost's decisions, including correction/retraction decisions, to the President of the University. Please note, notices to publishers are corrective, not punitive, and may be necessary due to intentional wrongful acts or to unintentional mistakes.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stephan.

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Cc: Isabel Casas <icasas@asbmb.org>
Subject: Re: Retraction/correction request

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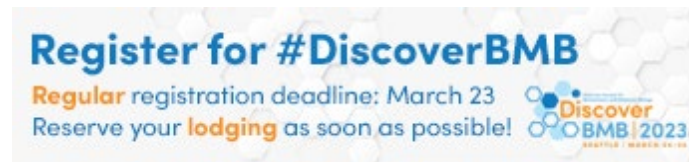
We acknowledge receipt of your email.

Thank you very much,
Elena

Elena Gaidamakova, Ph.D.

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From: Vignes, Stephan <svignes@umaryland.edu>
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To: Elena Gaidamakova <egaidamakova@asbmb.org>
Cc: Isabel Casas <icasas@asbmb.org>
Subject: RE: Reraction/correction request

Dear Elena,

A quick update on your request.

Our legal folks are redacting the Investigation report including the forensic analysis showing the misconduct.

I will keep you updated with progress.

Best,

Stephan.

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Dear Dr. Vignes,

My name is Elena Gaidamakova and I am the Data Integrity Manager for the ASBMB, which publishes the JBC.

We acknowledge receipt of your email regarding retraction recommendation for three papers published in the JBC.

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J. Biol. Chem. (2011)286(33)28772-28782.

Please provide a copy of the University of Maryland investigation report if at all possible. Please confirm if all authors were contacted and agreed with the retraction.

Sincerely,
Elena

Elena Gaidamakova, Ph.D.

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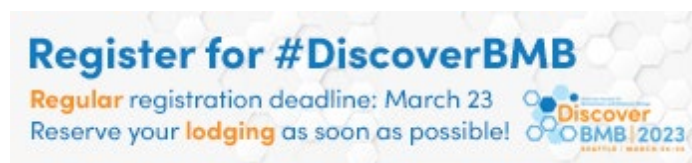
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From: Alex Toker <atoker@asbmb.org>

Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 at 1:23 PM

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Cc: Isabel Casas <icasas@asbmb.org>, Elena Gaidamakova <egaidamakova@asbmb.org>

Subject: Re: Reraction/correction request

Dear Dr. Vignes

Thank you for your email and notification. Rest assured we take these cases with the utmost seriousness. We will follow our standard procedure for these cases of data integrity, and may be in touch with you again if necessary.

Kind regards,

Alex Toker, Ph.D.

Editor-in-Chief

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CC: Dr. Isabel Casas, Director of Publications, ASBMB

Dr. Elena Gaidamakova, Data Integrity Manager, ASBMB

On Feb 27, 2023, at 10:47 AM, Vignes, Stephan <svignes@umaryland.edu> wrote:

Dr. Toker,

Please find attached a letter from the Provost and Executive Vice President of the University

of Maryland, Baltimore related to an investigation concluding that the data presented in 3 published articles were compromised.

Also attached is the letter UMB sent to you in 2021.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Best.

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