Retraction: Endogenous IL-15 Sustains Recruitment of IL-2Rβ and Commonγ and IL-2-Mediated Chemokine Production in Normal and Inflamed Human Gingival Fibroblasts

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Letter of Retraction

We wish to retract the article titled “Endogenous IL-15 Sustains Recruitment of IL-2Rβ and Common γ and IL-2-Mediated Chemokine Production in Normal and Inflamed Human Gingival Fibroblasts,” by Akiko Ozawa, Hiroyuki Tada, Yumiko Sugawara, Akiko Uehara, Takashi Sasano, Hidetoshi Shimauchi, Haruhiko Takada and Shunji Sugawara, The Journal of Immunology, 2004, 173: 5180–5188.

This retraction follows a preliminary investigation by Tohoku University into scientific misconduct. The investigation pointed out that GAPDH bands in Figs. 1, 3, and 7 are the same and that a part of the data in Fig. 5 is unnatural and wrong. We could not counter the argument by adducing raw data at the investigation. Therefore, we wish to retract the manuscript.

We deeply regret these errors and apologize to the scientific community for the need to retract the manuscript.

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