

Commitment to Intellectual Honesty and Personal Responsibility

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Abstract

Scientific integrity represents the core of the research enterprise and the sharing of scientific information. It is this commitment to intellectual honesty and to responsible conduct and reporting of research that propels the successful advancement of knowledge. This afternoon I received a notification from officials of the University of Connecticut indicating that their investigation on research misconduct has found *Antioxidants and Redox Signaling (ARS)* Co-editor Professor Dipak K. Das guilty of fabrication and falsification of data. To demonstrate its commitment to protecting the integrity of science, *ARS* has terminated Dr. Das's position as Co-editor effective today. The report on findings of the investigation has identified that two articles published in *ARS* by the Das laboratory suffer from fabricated data. Both articles have been retracted effective today. Formal retraction notices will be issued on the Publisher's website (www.liebertonline.com/ars) and published in the Journal imminently. These actions reinforce the high standards necessary to advance the science that underpins the value that *ARS* brings to its community. *Antioxid. Redox Signal.* 16, 635.

The following two articles are being formally retracted from *Antioxidants and Redox Signaling*:

1. Malik G, Gorbounov N, Das S, Gurusamy N, Otani H, Maulik N, Goswami S, Das DK. Ischemic preconditioning triggers nuclear translocation of thioredoxin and its interaction with Ref-1 potentiating a survival signal through the PI-3-kinase-Akt pathway. *Antioxid Redox Signal* 8:2101–2109, 2006.
2. Muinck ED, Nagy N, Tirziu D, Murakami M, Gurusamy N, Goswami SK, Ghatpande S, Engelman RM, Simons M, Das DK. Protection against myocardial ischemia-reperfusion injury by the angiogenic MasterSwitch protein PR 39 gene therapy: the roles of HIF1alpha stabilization and FGFR1 signaling. *Antioxid Redox Signal* 9:437–445, 2007.

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