PLAGIARISM: Types, and How to Avoid It

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"If the idea has been around for a while, you can cite the original source, the most representative source, or the most recent source."

By Harris Cooper, PhD

"Typically, an incorrect citation will not be viewed as plagiarism as long as the error is minor and it is clearly just a copy editing oversight, not intentional."

By Harris Cooper, PhD

OUTLINES

- Definitions & Criteria
- Regulations & Consequences
- Types & Examples
- How to cite other works

Definitions

- By Oxford Dictionaries: the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as his/her own. Synonym: copying (copy & paste), stealing (idea)
- Who can be the suspect: academics, professionals, students, journalists, authors (scientific publication), artists (painter, designer, song writes, sculptor), and others
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Cause of Paper Retraction

• Fraud

- Data **fabrication**: theft of data from an uncredited author (or generation of completely artificial data)
- Data falsification: editing or manipulation of authentic data to "prove" a hypothesis

• Error

- **Plagiarism**: theft of text from an uncredited author (without citing the work)
- **Duplication/self-plagiarism**: using substantially the same data or words in different publications without citation
- Scientific mistake: a mistake that invalidates research, typically explained carefully in a retraction notice (using wrong statistical analysis, mistaken study design)
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Retractions by Year and by Cause



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RETRACTION RELATION

Journals with higher impact factors also have a higher rate of retractions.



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To the Editors:

COVER LETTER

Dear Sirs and Madam,

I am enclosing a Research Article submission to Pakistan Journal of Medical Sciences entitle Psychopathological morbidity among fragile X premutation carriers in Indonesia. This study This is the first psychopathological study of fragile X carriers in developing country (Indonesia) where strong religious belief and social support are believe as a protective against depression, however, carriers who have significant caring burden in a risk (3.2 times) to develop depression. This original research article is approximately 3,000 words (not include abstract). Included in the electronic submission are manuscript (abstract, key words, introduction, material and methods, results, discussion, conclusion, references), table and

figure. This represents result of research article that has never been published before, and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere, and has been approved by each author. This manuscript has been rejected by Psychiatry Research Journal due to small sample and crosssectional study design (case-control study was proposed).

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Misconduct Cases

The Office of Research Integrity, US Department of Health & Human Services

- Misconduct case summaries (2000s to 2018) <u>https://ori.hhs.gov/case_summary</u>
- Case Summary: Baughman, Brandi M. (2018) <u>https://ori.hhs.gov/content/case-summary-baughman-brandi-m</u>
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- ACS Publisher: ACS Chem. Biol. 2016 → RETRACTED https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acschembio.5b00632
- Retraction with explanation ACS Chem. Biol. 2018 <u>https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acschembio.7b01061</u>

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ORI found that Respondent engaged in research misconduct by falsifying data that were included in the first submission This page contains cases in which adminis of a manuscript to ACS Chem. Biol. (hereafter referred to as the "Manuscript") and in the final published version: only includes those who CURRENTLY hav Baughman, B.M., Pattenden, S.G., Norris, J.L., James, L.I., & Frye, S.V. "The L3MBTL3 methyl-lysine reader domain names of individuals whose administrative functions as a dimer." ACS Chem. Biol. 11:722-728, 2016 (hereafter referred to as "ACS 2016"). The paper was retracted in: ACS Chem. Biol. 13(1):281, 2018 Jan 19.

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Case Summary: Baughman, Brandi M. Case Summary: Skau, Colleen T.

Respondent falsely reused and relabeled 14 individual Western blot images from an unrelated experiment conducted in September 2013 showing pulldown with biotin-UNC1215 using 0401 and HeLa overexpressed FL L3MBTL3 lysates (hereafter referred to as the "9/13 experiment") to falsely represent Western blot analysis of GFP.Flag co-IP experiments Case Summary: Narayanan, Bhagavathi in GFP-WT lysates in Figure 3 of the Manuscript and a supplementary analysis of co-IPs with FullL-D274A in Figure 6 of ASC 2016. Specifically, Respondent used Western blot band images from:

Case Summary: Baughman, Brandi M.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary Findings of Research Misconduct AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Findings of research misconduct have been made on the part of Brandi M. Baughman, Ph.D., postdoctoral fellow in the Center for Integrative Chemical Biology and Drug Discovery, Division of Chemical Biology and Medicinal Chemistry, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC). Dr. Baughman engaged in research misconduct in research supported by National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), grant R01 GM100919. The administrative actions, including debarment for a period of two (2) years, were implemented beginning on March 19, 2018, and are detailed below.



RETRACTED ARTICLE

See: Retraction Notice

ACS Chem Biol. 2016 Mar 18;11(3):722-8. doi: 10.1021/acschembio.5b00632. Epub 2015 Sep 2.

The L3MBTL3 Methyl-Lysine Reader Domain Functions As a Dimer.

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Letters

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Abstract

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The L3MBTL3 Methyl-Lysine Reader Domain Functions As a Dimer

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This letter was retracted on December 19, 2017 (ACS Chemical Biology 2018, 13, DOI: 10.1021/acschembio.7b01061).



Retraction of "The L3MBTL3 Methyl-Lysine Reader Domain Functions As a Dimer"



Based on a review conducted by The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, it was determined that the Western blot results shown in Supporting Information, Figure S6 of this article are unreliable as a result of research misconduct. The authors retract this article accordingly. The original Article was published on 08/28/2016 and retracted on 12/19/2017. 1. Introduction Batik has been recognized in NESCO, whe world cultural heritage from Indonesia. Batik and textile industries are producers of intervative containing from the dyeing process. Besides dyes, batik wastewater also contains synthemingredies which are recalcitrant to be degraded. Wastewater generated from batility of the induction generally a non-biodegradable organic compound, which can cause the end onment pollution, especially of the aquatic environment.

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1. Introduction

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Batik has been recognized by UNESCO as the world cultural heritage from Indonesia. Batik and textile industries are producers of wastewater originating from the dyeing process. Besides dyes, batik wastewater also contains synthetic ingredients which are recalcitrant to be degraded. Wastewater generated from batik or textile industries is generally a non-biodegradable organic compound, which can cause the environmental pollution, especially of the aquatic environment.

Some of the most commonly used in textile industry are remazol black, red and golden yellow. In the coloring process, these compounds can only be used about 5% while the remaining 95% will be discarded as a liquid waste. Because they are stable enough, their presence in nature are very difficult to be degraded, and for high concentrations these compounds are harmful to the environment because they can raise the COD and BOD levels of water.

Advanced oxidation processes (AOPs) with TiO₂ as a photocatalyst has been widely used in wastewater treatment. This method has several benefits include: the process is simple, environmentally friendly, can operate in the environmental conditions, as well as low costs. In addition, the TiO₂ catalyst is photostable, non-toxic, low cost, and stable in the water for a various of experimental conditions [1, 2, 3].

The implementation of TiO₂ in wastewater treatment can be classified in two ways: slurry suspension (TiO₂ nanoparticles directly dispersed in the wastewater) and immobilized system (TiO₂ nanoparticles being fixed to a carrier)[4]. Slurry suspension, although it is simple in technique and high surface area to adsorption and reaction, its application is limited by the low-efficient

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