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# RETRACTIONS

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[Science Magazine](#) reports a collaboration with Retraction Watch

A disturbingly large portion of papers—about 2%—contain “problematic” scientific images that experts readily identified as deliberately manipulated, according to a study of 20,000 papers published in *mBio* in 2016 by Elisabeth Bik of Stanford University in Palo Alto, California, and colleagues. What’s more, our analysis showed that most of the 12,000 journals recorded in Clarivate’s widely used Web of Science database of scientific articles have not reported a single retraction since 2003.

Most journals that I am reading, are [never retracting a paper](#). So the whole Science statistics are flawed.

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