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23.04.2022

It's always interesting if we can find a discussion under a PubPeer article with more than 3 comments. Elisabeth Bik collected some of these interesting #PubPeer Pearls at Twitter while I am starting a new collection here.

The longest thread that I remember is this one with 290 comments around a retracted article while my most appreciated PubPeer authoris Guillaume Cabanac who seems to be a real person presenting the most interesting findings

#1 Guillaume Cabanac commented April 2022

Kapoor coined a new syndrome in *The Lancet*. Scientists who appear in the bylines of papers with an increasing number of co-authors (up to "morbid proportions") are said to suffer from *Polyauthoritis Giftosa*:

> **Polyauthoritis giftosa**
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> SIR—The number of journal articles has been increasing with time; so has the number of authors of each. The latter has assumed morbid proportions—polyauthoritis. Sometimes even those who do not contribute to research are included as co-authors—gift authorship.[1] When the two maladies coexist it becomes a syndrome—polyauthoritis giftosa.

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#1 Guillaume Cabanac commented April 2022

How to decide author positions in the byline:

> OPINION
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> Evolutionary and ecological functional genomics
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> *Martin E. Feder and Thomas Mitchell-Olds*

> PERSPECTIVES
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> und Forschung, the United States National Science Foundation and the Max-Planck Gesellschaft. M.E.F. was supported by National Science Foundation grants, which also supported the establishment of the evolutionary and ecological functional genomics (EEFG) community. In lieu of a trans-Atlantic coin flip, the order of authorship was determined by random fluctuation in the Euro/Dollar exchange rate.

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#1 Guillaume Cabanac commented April 2022

How to decide author positions in the byline:

> Molecular Ecology (1998) 7, 519–531
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> **Speciation and phylogeography of Hawaiian terrestrial arthropods**
>
> G. K. RODERICK and R. G. GILLESPIE
> *Center for Conservation Research and Training, 3050 Maile Way, Gilmore 409, University of Hawai'i, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822, USA*

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The unsuccessful self-treatment of a case of "writer's block"1

Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis (1974) - 3 Comments

pubmed: 16795475 doi: 10.1901/jaba.1974.7-497a issn: 0021-8855

Dennis Upper

#1 ***Lysipomia globularis*** commented November 2021

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#2 **Guillaume Cabanac** commented April 2022

A replication and a side project:

- Molloy, G. N. (1983). The Unsuccessful Self-Treatment of a Case of "Writer's Block": A Replication. In *Perceptual and Motor Skills* (Vol. 57, Issue 2, pp. 566–566). https://doi.org/10.2466/pms.1983.57.2.566
- Goldschmidt, T. (2016). A Demonstration of the Causal Power of Absences. In *Dialectica* (Vol. 70, Issue 1, pp. 85–85). https://doi.org/10.1111/1746-8361.12128

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#3 **Sylvain Bernès** commented April 2022

I must point out, in the most humble of manners, that I replicated myself the Dennis Upper's work, with great success. My article appeared in an empty issue of a non-existent journal (IF: NaN). It's a paywall article.

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#15 Somayeh ESFANDANI-BOZCHALOYI commented July 2022

Author Response

#14

Editor, we created this table in Excel and the reason why some numbers were repeated was Excel's problem, not the author's problem

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#2 Eman A. Alshari commented September 2022

Author Response

Elsevier's article, cited 14 times, contains so many tormenting phrases that some passages are difficult to analyze. This is usually caused by an attempt to avoid detecting plagiarism with a paraphrase. So far, the following have been monitored: How did these incorrect formulations escape proofreading by co-authors, editors, judges, copy editors, and typesetters?

Dear Sir, First of all, thank you for this email and valuable observation. I want to tell you that this was my first work and the first research I ever published. I have had subsequent publications, and my writing has improved a lot, and my style has improved a lot, and I promise you that I will pay attention to this note in my following publications. Second, let me explain to you why your question (How did these incorrect formulations escape proofreading by co-authors, editors, judges, copy editors, and setters?) for the following reasons : This manuscript contains valuable information in the field of study A great deal of effort went into it. And the eagerness and eagerness of readers who specialize in this field. Researchers need this valuable information carefully collected in their research The beauty of the manuscript and its arrangement. The scholarly contribution given in a helpful summary is in a table. The beauty of eliciting and extracting knowledge and writing correct facts. This observation does not hinder researchers from benefiting from the research at all. This observation relates to something essential and beautiful in writing and is not associated with something fundamental in the knowledge provided by the manuscript. All of these and other reasons made the note was invisible. Third, this is not a dilemma for researchers who benefit from the information and knowledge contained in the manuscript by extracting the words corresponding to them in the meaning, as you have extracted them now. Fourth, maybe if attention to it was better, we can consider it a tiny flaw in this work. Let us return to the well-known wisdom that nothing is free of defects in any field, meaning there is no 100%. And in the end, I thank you again for your observation.

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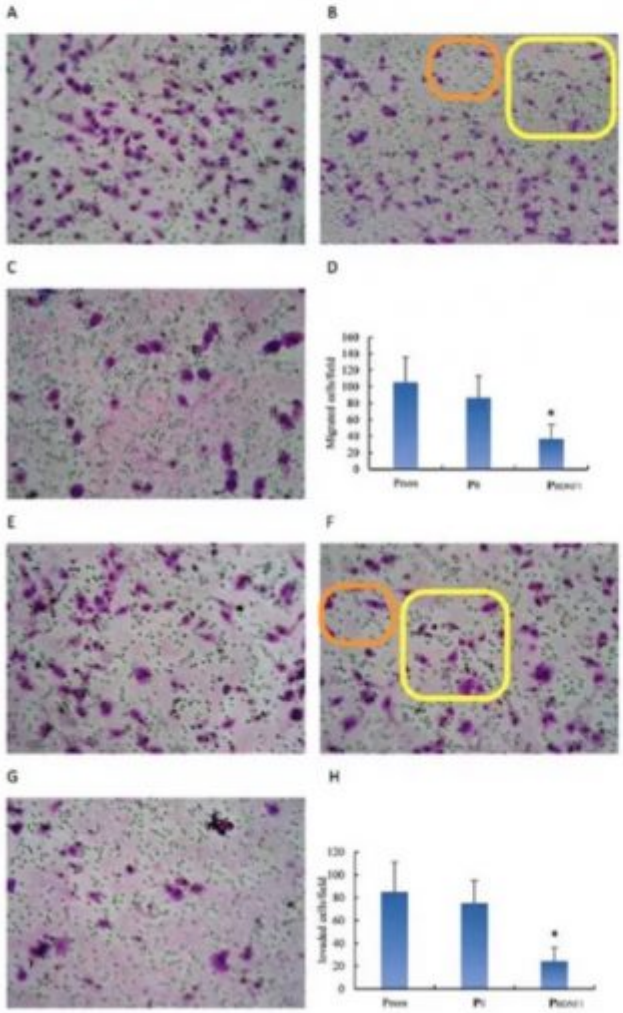
Unfortunately, the correction created a new concern. Parts of the corrected panel B (migration) now overlap with panel F (invasion) as shown below with orange and yellow boxes. Puzzlingly, the overlap is not complete. Some cells appear to be missing or at a different position, so it is not a simple overlap. The different positions of the cells suggest these photos might have been manipulated.

With this correction that introduces new concerns, I have lost confidence in the integrity of the data of this paper.

RTS 45: 1316, 2021

Corrigendum 2021, new Figure 7



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Indole-3-carbinol inhibits nasopharyngeal carcinoma growth through cell cycle arrest in vivo and in vitro

PLoS ONE (2013) - 2 Comments

pubmed: 24358165 doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0082288 issn: 1932-6203

Zhe Chen, Ze-Zhang Tao, Shi-Ming Chen, Chen Chen, Fen Li, Bo-kui Xiao

Retracted 3 days ago - See details here

#1 Elisabeth M Bik commented October 2022

Retraction, 4 October 2022: https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0275881#pone.0275881.ref001

"After this article [1] was published, concerns were raised about the mouse tumor sizes reported in Fig. 7. Specifically:

- The charts in Fig. 7A and 7B of the article appear to report tumor sizes of up to 3000 mm3.
- Based on the mouse images in Fig. 7C, particularly the third, fifth and sixth mice, it appears as though the tumor sizes could impede mobility and ulceration and necrosis are visible.

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#2 Yingyi Zhang commented October 2022

Author Response

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There is no reference to Ahmad's literature in the original manuscript of our paper, and the manuscript may have been modified privately by the editorial department.

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