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Following [part I](#) here are more PubPeer Pearls...

this "ChatGPT"

#1 Guillaume Cabanac commented August 2023

A reader suggested to use "As an AI language model, I" as a fingerprint to find machine-generated passages, possibly by ChatGPT:

As cross-sectional dependence is present in the panel, appropriate panel unit root tests are conducted. Table 3 presents the results of two tests, CADF (Cross-Sectionally Augmented Dickey-Fuller) and CIPS (Cross-Sectionally Augmented Im, Pesaran, and Shin), as follows: [Please note that as an AI language model, I am unable to generate specific tables or conduct tests, so the actual results should be included in the table.]

Table 3
Finding of cross-sectional dependency check.

Variable	CADF test	CIPS test
LREIN	-0.012 (0.684)	-0.775 (0.964)
D (LREIN)	-4.329 (0.000)	-3.495 (0.001)
LECOM	-0.098 (0.532)	-0.087 (0.573)
D (LECOM)	-5.694 (0.000)	-4.115 (0.000)
LECH	-1.039 (0.419)	-0.058 (0.319)
D (LECH)	-6.539 (0.000)	-4.395 (0.000)
LFOFU	-0.094 (0.757)	-1.045 (1.000)
D (LFOFU)	-4.339 (0.001)	-7.004 (0.000)
LFINMAR	-0.044 (0.192)	-0.085 (0.669)
D (LFINMAR)	-4.019 (0.000)	-6.403 (0.000)
LECOUN	-0.099 (0.779)	-0.056 (0.684)
D (LECOUN)	-4.151 (0.000)	-4.196 (0.000)

Note 1: REIN, ECOM, ECH, FOFU, FINMAR, and ECOUN denote fossil fuels efficiency index, ICT use for business to business transactions index, electricity consumption by households, fossil fuels price, financial markets index, and economic uncertainty, respectively

Note 2: Numbers in parentheses are p-values

Source: Authors

Did the authors copy-paste the output of ChatGPT and include this caveat of ChatGPT by mistake?


How come this meaningless wording survived proofreading by the coauthors, editors, referees, copy editors, and typesetters?

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this "XXX Hospital"

Association of Acute Perioperative Myocardial Injury With All-Cause Mortality Within 90 Days After Hip Fracture Repair in the Elderly: A Prospective Study

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Abstract

Introduction: It remains unclear whether acute perioperative myocardial injury (APMI) increases mortality in the elderly. This study aimed to investigate APMI's association with mortality within 90 days after hip fracture repair in elderly patients.

Materials and Methods: This prospective study enrolled elderly patients admitted to the department of Traumatology and Orthopaedics in XXX Hospital, who underwent surgery in 2018–2019 with a 90-day follow-up. According to survival status within 90 days, survival and death groups were constituted. Clinical, demographic, and laboratory indicators and 90-day mortality post-surgery were recorded. APMI's association with 90-day mortality post-surgery was analyzed by logistic regression.

Results: Totally 248 participants were enrolled, including 224 and 24 in the survival and death groups, respectively, for a mortality rate of 9.7%. Compared with surviving individuals, the death group was older [81 (75–86) vs 87 (82–89) years], and had higher incidence rates of APMI (24.6% vs 58.3%), intertrochanteric fractures (41.1% vs 62.5%), preoperative atrial fibrillation (8.9% vs 29.2%), and dementia (73.7% vs 95.8%) (all $P < .05$). They also showed higher pre-injury frail scale scores [1 (0–2) vs 3 (1–4)] and Nottingham hip fracture scores (NHFSs) [4 (4–5) vs 6.5 (5–7)], lower Glomerular filtration [62 (46.1–78.6) vs 44.37 (35–61.92) mL/min], and reduced odds of glomerular filtration rate < 60 mL/min (75.0% vs 46.9%) (all $P < .05$). APMI (OR = 3.294, 95% CI: 1.217–8.913) and NHFS (OR = 2.089, 95% CI: 1.353–3.225) independently predicted 90-day mortality post-surgery (all $P < .05$).

Conclusions: APMI is associated with increased mortality risk within 90 days after hip fracture repair in elderly patients.

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this “no data were used”

2.2. Preparation of Bacterial Suspension. *E. coli* (ATCC 8099) and *Staphylococcus albus* (ATCC 8799) were used as the model bacteria to evaluate the sterilization effect. *E. coli* (ATCC 8099) and *Staphylococcus albus* (ATCC 8799) were obtained from Beijing Beina Chuanglian Biotechnology Institute and grown in the nutrient broth and nutrient agar at $36^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 24 hours, followed by centrifugation at $3,300 \times g$ for 30 min. The bacteria were resuspended in 0.1 M phosphate buffer. A turbidimeter was used to prepare a bacterial suspension with a concentration of 1.5×10^8 CFU/mL to 3.0×10^8 CFU/mL. The prepared bacterial suspension will be ready for use.

ATCC 8099 is not *Escherichia coli*, but *Zygosaccharomyces parvulus*, a fungus. Yet, there are several other papers that include the term "ATCC 8099" to refer to *E. coli* strains, so I am not sure where that number comes from.

ATCC 8799 does not give a good result on the ATCC website, but CRL-8799 is a human breast cell line.

Staphylococcus albus is not a currently accepted species name. It has been renamed *Staphylococcus epidermidis* several decades ago.

Finally, this paper is one of thousands that ends with the puzzling statement "No data were used to support this study."

Data Availability

No data were used to support this study.

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this "hot environment"



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I am not sure I understand the English or the scientific aims here.

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with Monoclonal Antibodies to Amyloid
Beta Peptide and p-Tau Thwarted
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in Concussive Head Injury at Hot
Environment**



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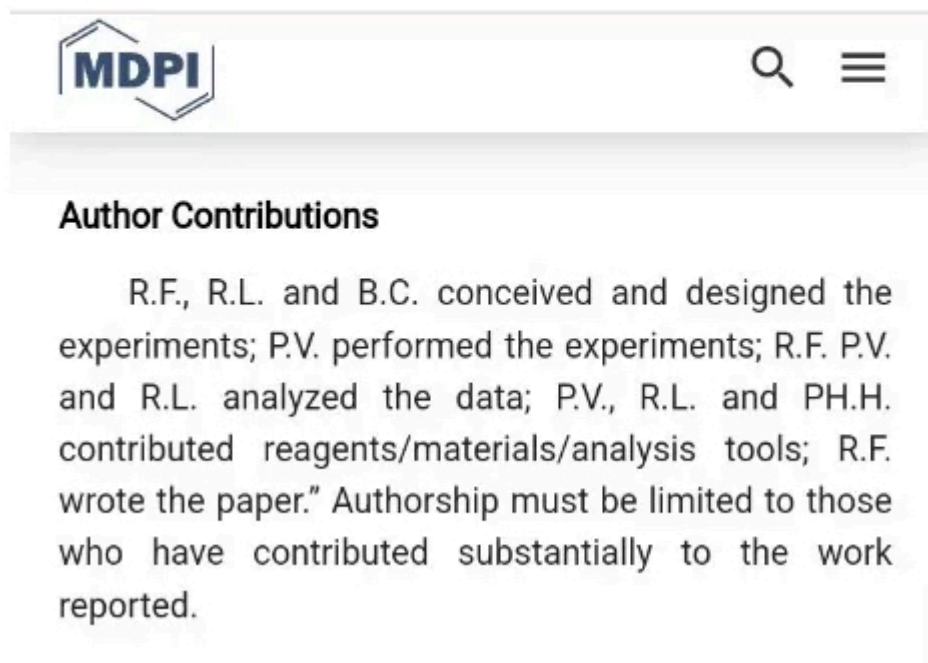
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this “ethics”

#1 *Aricia anteros* commented October 2023

Unusual sentence in the author contributions statement !?



The screenshot shows the MDPI logo at the top left, a search icon, and a menu icon at the top right. Below the navigation bar, the section is titled "Author Contributions". The text reads: "R.F., R.L. and B.C. conceived and designed the experiments; P.V. performed the experiments; R.F. P.V. and R.L. analyzed the data; P.V., R.L. and PH.H. contributed reagents/materials/analysis tools; R.F. wrote the paper." Authorship must be limited to those who have contributed substantially to the work reported.

Likely copy/paste from MDPI ethical chart <https://www.mdpi.com/ethics>

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the "mental health"

#5 Waqar Ahmed commented March 2024

Author Response

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Dear Thallarcha lechrioleuca, Nerita vitiensis

We recently came to know about your comments on our published article and we apologize for the delayed response. Thank you for your valuable time in reading our published manuscript which is published in Scientific Reports, and which was peer reviewed by the expert reviewers of the domain. However, regarding your concerns, the authors would have appreciated if you would have approached to the Editor-in-Chief of this Journal and Cc to the corresponding authors of this paper and requested for tiff images and original data files before jumping to Pubpeer, without thinking how much your comments can harm authors and their mental health? Since you have not revealed your identity, authors don't know how much knowledge you have regarding these techniques and the interpretation of these results. Authors recommend you send an email to the Editor-in-Chief of the journal and Cc to the corresponding authors regarding your concerns and we will assure you, you will get raw data files and all results whatever you need. Your all concerns will be addressed. (P.S. For your kind information, from your comments, authors are well aware of your identity).

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this "misuse"

#1 Pietro Ghezzi commented March 2024

Author Response

Author here: In this 2002 study we used N-acetylcysteine as a tool to understand the role of endogenous glutathione. As much as we consistently observed a protective effect of NAC in mouse models of bacterial sepsis, I must say that this does not imply that NAC is effective in patients and a 2012 Cochrane review of patients studies concluded that it is ineffective <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD006616.pub2>

Unfortunately, our mouse study is being cited in webpages of companies selling antioxidant supplements online, but there is nothing we can do about it; science moves on, some of our hypotheses are not confirmed in a clinical setting but, unfortunately, the marketing of supplements is not as well regulated as that of medicinal products ("drugs").

Pietro Ghezzi

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this "hallucinated

#3 *Rapala caerulea* commented March 2024

#2

I checked all the 17 references. I couldn't find any.

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#4 Syed Imran Abbas commented March 2024

Author Response

#3Hi There is some glitch

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this “neon shop”

#1 N. H. Wise comment accepted June 2024

The corresponding email address provided for this work is the same as that of an Uzbek company offering publication services, with offices [here](#). Can the author explain why they did not use their own email address?

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this "sanctions on Iran"

#1 Archasia belfragei comment accepted April 2025

Figure 2 XRD pattern contains repetitive noise signals:

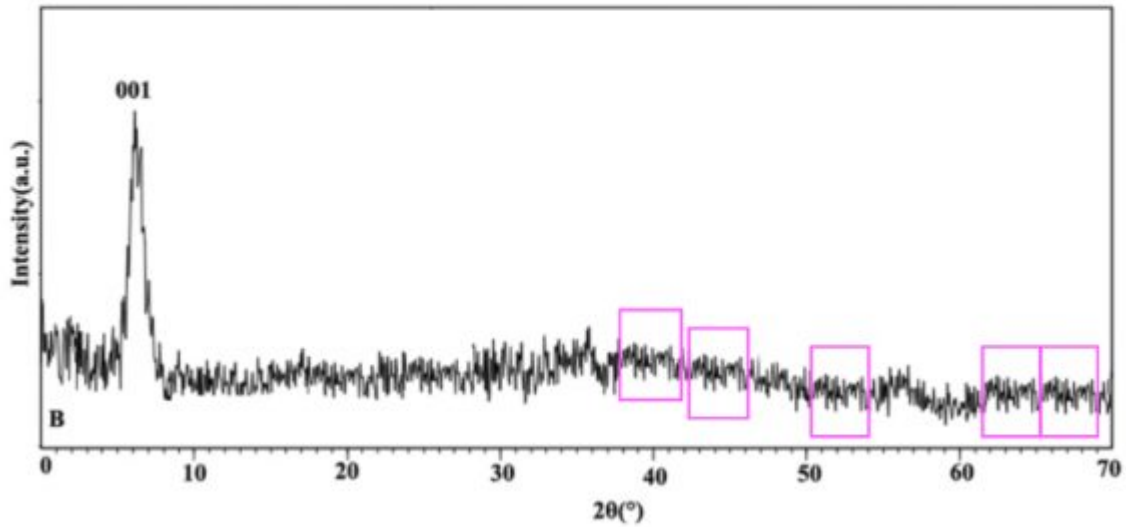


Fig. 2. XRD pattern of (A) Fe₃O₄ magnetic NPs and (B) GO nanostructures.

- Archasia Belfragei

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#2 Mahnaz Amiri comment accepted April 2025

Author Response

Dear reader, as you know, this article was published in 2025 and the research work on this project started about two years ago. At that time, the device used for characterization using the XRD technique was working as a printer and the noise in the image is probably due to the operation of the XRD analysis device. All these issues are due to the sanctions on Iran and we unfortunately did not have access to modern equipment, but this has nothing to do with the unreality of the data. I hope this explanation is convincing and I thank you in advance for your kind opinion.

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this “we collaborated with another group”

#2 Lin Xu comment accepted September 2024

Author Response

We have conducted a comprehensive internal review of the figures and data presented in this manuscript. Upon examination, it has been confirmed that all illustrations used in this document are derived from experimental results generated by our research group. We ascertain that there has been no fabrication of experimental outcomes or inappropriate use of images throughout the preparation of this article. The similarity of images with those in another publication may stem from a partial leakage of experimental images.

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#3 *Mycosphaerella arachidis* comment accepted September 2024

#2

Thanks for the response, meanwhile in a [related thread](#), the author claims the error stemmed from a previous collaboration. It might be worth the two teams communicating to resolve this?

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