Announcement from the Editor-in-Chief Regarding Duplication Publication

RETRACTION

On the behalf of the Editorial Board of *Bioscience, Biotechnology, and Biochemistry*, I deeply regret to have to announce that a regular paper of *Biosci. Biotechnol. Biochem.*, Vol 68 (12), 2427–2435 (2004), is hereby retracted.

Recently, we noticed that the following two articles are the same, with only minor changes.


According to the description on the title page, the manuscript was accepted on November 23, 2002 by *J. Microbiol. Biotechnol*. It was received on April 26, 2004 by *Biosci. Biotechnol. Biochem*. and was accepted on September 10, 2004.

After considerable discussion, we came to the conclusion that the article should be retracted from *Biosci. Biotechnol. Biochem*. The two authors have agreed with our decision.

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