Urgent Announcement From the Editor-in-Chief
Concerning Article Retraction

The Editorial Team of Circulation Journal has recently confirmed that the paper written by Hidenobu Okuyama et al, published in the August 2008 issue of the Journal (Circ J 2008; 72: 1296–1302), contains serious plagiarism from the paper by Kenichi Sugioka et al, published in the April 2002 issue of Stroke (Stroke 2002; 33: 2077–2081). Therefore, we have had to take the decision to retract the offending paper from Circulation Journal.


As the Editor-in-Chief, I deeply regret that such misconduct has happened in our Journal, and would like to express the sincere hope and determination that it will never happen again in the future.

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