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Pathogenetic mechanism of lipoid proteinosis caused by mutation of the extracellular matrix protein 1 gene

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After the publication of the above article, the Editor of *Molecular Medicine Reports* received an accusation that this paper contained material taken from the PhD thesis of Dr Xiao Bai of the China Academy of Medical Science & Peking Union Medical College, whose thesis entitled “Study on mutations of ECM1 in lipoid proteinosis” was published online in 2015. After having enquired with the authors regarding this allegation, the first author and the corresponding author, Dr Dong Gao, admitted that she had infringed the rights of Dr Bai, and that it was not appropriate that the following figures were published in the research article: Figs. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7, which coincided with Figs. 3, 19, 27, 29, 31, and 32 in her PhD thesis, respectively. Furthermore, the above article was submitted to *Molecular Medicine Reports* by Dr Gao without the prior knowledge of all the other authors.

Therefore, Dr Gao has agreed with the recommendation of the Editor of *Molecular Medicine Reports* that the above article should be retracted from the publication on account of the inappropriate use of the figures, and for submitting the article without having received the approval of all the authors. All the named authors on the paper agree to the retraction. Dr Gao regrets her actions and the inconvenience that this retraction has caused, and sincerely apologizes to Dr Bai, to the Editor, and to the readership of the Journal.



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