



RETRACTION

Increased Leptin/Leptin Receptor Pathway Affects Systemic and Airway Inflammation in COPD Former Smokers [Retraction]

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The Editor and Publisher of *Journal of Inflammation Research* wish to retract the published article. Concerns were raised regarding the duplication of images in Figure 3 describing leptin receptor expression with those from an article published by the authors several years previously describing muscarinic receptor expression. Specifically:

- Figure 3A, Leptin receptor expression, Smokers, appears to have been duplicated with Figure 2 panel M3 COPD, for the expression of muscarinic receptors.
- Figure 3D, Leptin expression, Smokers, appears to have been duplicated with Figure 2 panel M1

Smokers, for the expression of muscarinic receptors.

- Figure 3A, Leptin receptor expression, Smokers, appears to share duplicated elements with Figure 3D, Leptin expression, Smokers.

The authors did not respond to our queries and the Editor advised for the article to be retracted.

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