

RETRACTION

siRNAs generated by recombinant human Dicer induce specific and significant but target site-independent gene silencing in human cells.

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Re-examination of this experiment by a third party indicated that the level of expression of Dicer was not as high as expected. The Dicer gene was cloned between Kpn I and Not I sites and the original description in the paper that it was cloned into the EcoRV site was a description error because the EcoRV site exists within the Dicer gene and thus this EcoRV site was unsuitable to be used for cloning the Dicer gene. Recently, we discovered that the first author of the paper failed to maintain a proper data notebook to support his contribution to this paper. As such this constitutes non-adherence to the ethical standards in scientific research, and in accordance to the recommendations from the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science & Technology (AIST), we respectfully retract this paper.

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NB. The first author has declined to associate himself with this retraction as he maintains that all the data contained therein are valid.