

Autoimmunity as a Consequence of Retrovirus-Mediated Expression of C-FLIP in Lymphocytes

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The authors have agreed to retract this paper because of duplication of the flow cytometry dot plots in Figure 5 [labeled as “Infected (GFP⁺)” and “Not infected (GFP⁻)”; lower panels] by the first author. This figure shows the IgM expression on B cells from mice with and without FLIP expression. These panels are important for showing that cells not expressing FLIP are not affected by the FLIP-expressing cells in the same mice. This matter was investigated by the California Institute of Technology and the Office of Research Integrity at the United States Department of Human Services, which found the first author to be responsible for the scientific misconduct pertaining to the issue described here. The authors stand by the validity of the other figures and sincerely apologize for the inconvenience caused by this retraction.