Retraction of Two Articles

It is with great concern and dismay that we make public the following letters of retraction of two papers published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology in 1985. The first letter, from the University of California School of Medicine, San Diego, is dated August 6, but was not received until mid-September. The second letter, from an attorney representing Dr. Robert A. Slutsky, the senior author of both papers, was also received in mid-September. We have been unable to contact Dr. Slutsky or obtain a statement from him. An editorial concerning this information will appear in the next issue of the Journal.

SIMON DACK, MD
Editor-in-Chief

Dear Dr. Dack:

We would like to publish the following statement of retraction: An investigation by the UCSD School of Medicine has found that the conclusions of the following papers were not substantiated by valid experiments and analysis.

The listed co-authors (M. Murray, W.W. Peck) share none of the responsibility and, in fact, deny knowledge that the experiments were performed and that their names would be used on the papers.


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Dear Dr. Dack:

We represent Dr. Robert A. Slutsky. Certain information has recently come to the attention of my client, Robert A. Slutsky, MD, which has convinced him that the results stated in the following papers, "The Effects of Beta Adrenergic Blockade on the Natural Progression of Myocardial Infarct Size and Compensatory Hypertrophy" (JACC, 5:1132–1137, 1985) and "Computed Tomographic Analysis of the Effects of Hyperosmolar Mannitol and Methylprednisolone on Myocardial Infarct Size" (JACC 5:273–279, 1985), are subject to serious question. As a result of this information, we must request that these papers be retracted along with the admonition that the conclusions set forth therein cannot be relied upon.

I would further like to bring to your attention the fact that the information which Dr. Slutsky only recently learned about bears no relation to any of the co-authors listed on any of these papers.

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