

## Faults in stem cell acid bath study

A study billed as a breakthrough in stem cell research contained a spliced image, material recycled from the lead author's doctoral thesis and other mistakes, a Japanese research institute acknowledged on March 14, 2014.

The disclosure threatens to discredit a researcher here who only weeks ago was hailed as a national hero.

The researcher, Haruko Obokata, of the Riken Center for Developmental Biology in Kobe, led a team of scientists who found that a simple acid bath might turn cells in the body into stem cells.

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