Five allegations against Riken Institute stem-cell researcher

Japan's Riken institute said this week it was weighing a retraction of breakthrough stem-cell research led by a Japanese scientist. The research, published in the journal Nature, purported to describe a safer and easier technique for creating stem cells.

Why consider a retraction? Here are five allegations raised about the research and its lead author, Haruko Obokata. Riken said it was investigating the allegations and planned to announce interim findings Friday. Dr. Obokata didn't return emails seeking comment.

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