

Gene therapy postdoc guilty of misconduct, has six papers retracted

A former postdoc who studied gene therapy at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York is guilty of research misconduct, according to the US government's Office of Research Integrity (ORI). Retraction Watch broke the news today (April 25) that Li Chen—who was a postdoc in the lab of Savio Woo, a noted gene therapy scientist—faked data that appeared in four published studies, four National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant applications, and a submitted manuscript that was never published.

Six papers from the Woo lab were retracted from PNAS, the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, Human Gene Therapy, and Molecular Therapy in 2010. Chen was listed as an author on four of those papers. The ORI found that Chen, “intentionally, knowingly, and recklessly fabricated and falsified data reported in four (4) publications, one (1) submitted manuscript, and four (4) grant applications” that claimed to report a cure for phenylketonuria, or PKU, in mice.

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