Retraction Note to: Revisiting the male genetic landscape of China: a multi-center study of almost 38,000 Y-STR haplotypes

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Authors Michael Nothnagel, Kicheol Kim and Lutz Roewer agree with this retraction. Authors Suhua Zhang, Yiping Hou, Hongyu Sun, Hongyan Wu, Yi Ye, Guang-Yao Fan and Sascha Willuweit do not agree with this retraction. The other authors have not responded to correspondence regarding this retraction.

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