

Editorial board decision regarding an ethical violation

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The following article has been retracted by the editorial board because an ethical violation was discovered after its Online First publication:

Classification of colorectal carcinoma obtained from the combination of DNA ploidy and genetic alterations serves as a significant prognostic factor. J Gastroenterol [DOI: [10.1007/s00535-009-0035-9](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00535-009-0035-9)].

The corresponding author of the *Journal of Gastroenterology* article (A. Ichikawa) has taken full responsibility for this unfortunate and regrettable occurrence. The *Journal of Gastroenterology* Editorial Board takes this matter very seriously and has therefore imposed probationary measures against the corresponding author.

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