RETRACTED ARTICLE: What are postgraduates like in the eyes of their supervisors?—The content, structure, and measurement of supervisors' implicit followership theories

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The Editor-in-Chief has retracted this Article. The article was accepted as part of a guest-edited special issue in *Current Psychology*. Before the special issue was finalized, the Editor-in-Chief detected problems with editorial handling and peer review and decided not to proceed with the special issue. Post publication peer review found the following issues in methodology and conclusions:

- The authors indicate they are focusing on followership, however the sample consists of supervisors. There is no explanation as to the title of the participants or who they supervise.
- The study also uses unequal groups with different compensation for reasons not articulated.
- The authors consistently indicate that the techniques were crafted by experts in the field without indicating the procedures used.
- In addition, the only criterion used for validation were other forms of the implicit followership theories.
- The nomological network should be explored to include discriminant validity.

- There is no indication of the items which were used in the questionnaire.
- They do not indicate the differences between their questionnaire and the measures which were also validated.
- The authors mention that they are focusing on postgraduates but use undergraduates as their subjects.

The Editor-in-Chief therefore no longer has confidence in the reliability of the work presented.

Author Dr. Fubin Chu does not agree to this retraction. Author Dr. Wanhong Zhang has not responded to any correspondence from the Editor about this retraction.

The online version of this article contains the full text of the retracted article as Supplementary Information.

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