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Intraperitoneal application of caffeine prevents D-galactosamine induced hepatic expression of connective tissue growth factor (CTGF/CCN2) in the rat [JHEPAT 50 (2009) 1053–1055]

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This article has been retracted at the request of the Editor-in-Chief.

Reason: The above Letter to the Editor was a report in reference to a previous work published in the Journal of Hepatology (OA Gressner et al., Pharmacological application of caffeine inhibits TGF-B stimulated connective tissue growth factor expression in hepatocytes via PPAR gamma and Smad2/3-dependent pathways. J Hepatol 2008; 49: 758–767).

It appears that in this Letter to the Editor, the manuscript submitted referred to 4 groups of 5 rats studied. This Letter to the Editor was accepted without any modifications. However, after acceptance of this letter by the Editors, the authors made major modifications at the stage of the galley proofs without informing the Editor or the Associate Editor. The changes introduced were major scientific changes because:

1. The number of rats per group was reduced from 5 to 1; therefore, instead of a total of 20 rats being studied, a total of only 4 rats were studied.
2. Throughout the manuscript sentences have been changed from "rats" to "rat".
3. The standard deviation values were removed at the proof stage and more importantly some results were completely altered.
4. A full paragraph was added at the end of the paper, which was not present in the original version submitted to the Journal.

In light of the above reasons, the Editors have concluded that the authors have presented falsified results which misled the Editors. As a consequence to the aforementioned breaches, we have decided to retract this Letter to the Editor from the Journal of Hepatology.

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