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Retraction notice to "Activity of ultra-low doses of antibodies to gamma-interferon against lethal influenza A(H1N1)2009 virus infection in mice" [Antiviral Research 93 (2012) 219–224]



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This article has been retracted: please see Elsevier Policy on Article Withdrawal (<https://www.elsevier.com/about/our-business/policies/article-withdrawal>).

This article claimed to demonstrate the antiviral activity of [®]Anaferon against influenza virus. This report did not reveal that the products tested for antiviral activity were in fact "homeopathically activated form[s] of antibodies," as described in US patent 8,535,664 B2, submitted by O. I. Epstein and others.

Homeopathy is an outmoded form of therapy that is not accepted by modern medical practice and is rejected by modern science. If the manuscript submitted to Antiviral Research had identified the nature of the materials being tested as homeopathic products, it would have been rejected. Now that the Editor in Chief is aware of this information, and has discussed the question extensively with other experts, he has decided to formally retract the article.

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