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Dear Dr. Hill,

A Senior Editor and I have reviewed the allegations you have made in the letter dated February 13, 2012 related to your request for retraction of four articles published in *Radiation Research*. We have also reviewed the materials that you sent to us and various other documents that were publicly available, such as the summary judgment of Civil Action No.03-cv-4837 (DMC) and an ORI finding related to your request. Based on this review we have concluded that the following have already occurred: 1) The University has been notified of and investigated your accusations of fraud against Dr. Roger W. Howell and Dr. Anupam Bishayee. 2) The NIH and ORI have been notified of and investigated your accusations of fraud against Dr. Roger W. Howell and Dr. Anupam Bishayee. 3) The federal government has been notified of and investigated your accusations of fraud against Dr. Roger W. Howell and Dr. Anupam Bishayee. All of these oversight committees and agencies have found in favor of Dr. Roger W. Howell and Dr. Anupam Bishayee. Therefore, the due diligence a journal performs in such cases has already occurred, and it has not provided the editors of the journal with the evidence that would be needed for us to retract these papers.

However, if you still feel you need to withdraw your support of the one paper you coauthored with Drs. Howell and Bishayee then the Editors will consider publishing the following:

Concerning “Bishayee A, Hill HZ, Stein, D., Rao DV, Howell RW Free radical-initiated and gap junctional-mediated bystander effect due to nonuniform distribution of incorporated radioactivity in a three-dimensional tissue culture model *Radiation Research* 155: 335-344 (2001)”

Dr Helene Z. Hill a co-author on the above peer-reviewed paper published in the journal *Radiation Research* withdraws her support for the above manuscript because she no longer believes in the integrity of the results that were reported therein.

The Editors will also inform Dr Howell of your request and allow him to respond accordingly. Should he choose to do so, a brief statement affirming his support for the work or his retraction of the work could be published with the announcement of the withdrawal of your support for the paper.

Please let me know if you wish to publish a withdrawal of your support for this paper.

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Sincerely,



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