

JSA's Investigation into Research by Dr. Yoshitaka Fujii

Toho University Faculty of Medicine announced on March 8, 2012 that 8 manuscripts of Dr. Yoshitaka Fujii had been retracted because of execution of these clinical studies without proper ethical approval. In addition, an article [1] entitled "The analysis of 169 randomised controlled trials to test data integrity." was published on-line as a Special Article in Anaesthesia, the Journal of the association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland, on March 8, 2012. Three Editorials [2-4] are simultaneously been published in Anaesthesia. Accordingly, the Japanese Society of Anesthesiologists set up Special Investigation Committee to investigate this issue on March 10.

On April 6, a group of editors representing 23 medical journals issued an inquiry about 193 papers published by Fujii at seven Japanese institutions. The JSA special committee is in process of investigating these papers. The result will be announced on this web site after a thorough investigation.

JSA recognizes that this issue of scientific misconduct is an extremely serious matter and we are making every effort to clarify the full pictures of this issue.

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