To our readers,

Toho University Faculty of Medicine announced on March 5, 2012 that 8 manuscripts of Yoshitaka Fujii had been retracted because of execution of these clinical studies without proper ethical approval.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] have simultaneously been published in Anaesthesia.

Accordingly, the Japanese Society of Anesthesiologists has set up a special committee to investigate this issue. We are in process of investigating papers published by Y. Fujii in Journal of Anesthesia (JA). The result will be announced after a thorough investigation.

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