Retraction Retraction: Exercise induces interleukin-8 expression in human skeletal muscle

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Retraction: The following article from *The Journal of Physiology*, 'Exercise induces interleukin-8 expression in human skeletal muscle', by Thorbjorn C. A. Akerstrom, Adam Steensberg, Pernille Keller, Charlotte Keller, Milena Penkowa and Bente Klarlund Pedersen, published in *The Journal of Physiology* 563(2): 507–516, and online ahead of print on 23 December 2004 (doi:10.1113/jphysiol.2004.077610), has been retracted by agreement between Thorbjorn C. A. Akerstrom, Adam Steensberg, Pernille Keller, Bente Klarlund Pedersen, the Editor-in-Chief, David J. Paterson, and Blackwell Publishing Ltd. The retraction has been agreed because:

- Figure 2*A* (pre-exercise) and Fig. 2*G* (24 h time point) represent the same tissue sample but the sections presented have been moved slightly and the level of colouring of the tissue section modified;
- Figure 2*A* is identical to Fig. 3*D* in the article 'Interleukin-6 receptor expression in contracting human skeletal muscle: regulating role of IL-6' by Keller P, Penkowa M, Keller C, Steensberg A, Fischer CP, Giralt M, Hidalgo J, Pedersen BK, *FASEB Journal* 19(9):1181–3.

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