



Publisher's Expression of Concern: *Lactobacillus bulgaricus* Prevents Intestinal Epithelial Cell Injury Caused by *Enterobacter sakazakii*-Induced Nitric Oxide both *In Vitro* and in the Newborn Rat Model of Necrotizing Enterocolitis

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Hunter CJ, Williams M, Petrosyan M, Guner Y, Mittal R, Mock D, Upperman JS, Ford HR, Prasadarao NV. 2009. *Lactobacillus bulgaricus* prevents intestinal epithelial cell injury caused by *Enterobacter sakazakii*-induced nitric oxide both *in vitro* and in the newborn rat model of necrotizing enterocolitis. *Infect Immun* 77:1031–1043. <https://doi.org/10.1128/IAI.01192-08>. Published ahead of print 15 December 2008.

IAI has been notified by a reader about possible duplication of cell images and Western blot bands in Fig. 1C, 2D, 5A, and 5B. ASM has reviewed the figures and confirmed evidence of apparent duplication. This Expression of Concern is issued pending the outcome of an institutional investigation.

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