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Withdrawal: Identification of human aminopeptidase O, a novel metalloprotease with structural similarity to aminopeptidase B and leukotriene A₄ hydrolase.

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This article has been withdrawn by the authors upon request from the Journal. The Journal raised questions regarding Fig. 4, *A* and *B*. The authors were able to locate the original autoradiographs corresponding to Fig. 4*A*, detecting two duplicated *GAPDH* control bands. In Fig. 4*B*, an actin lane appears to be duplicated. Since the original data for the experiment shown in Fig. 4*B*, performed 13 years ago, could not be found, the authors state that a new experiment was performed using RNA from mouse testis from different ages (10–74 days). The authors state that the AP-O expression results concur with an RNA-seq-based transcriptomic analysis reported independently by other researchers (Margolin *et al.* (2014) *BMC Genomics* **15**, 39). The authors assert that all of the results reported in this article are valid.