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EL PRESIDENTE

Madrid, September 12, 2023


Dear Mr. Leonid Schneider,

This letter deals with your email dated September 4th, 2023.

As you know, the Academy studied carefully the facts related to the retraction of some publications by Prof. López-Otín, and issued an institutional declaration in January 2020. The declaration, as reported by several major newspapers, found incorrect practices in some of the figures in those publications, and stated that, however, those practices did not invalidate the conclusions and impact of the papers. The scientific evidence made available since the time of our the declaration, and statements issued by different scientists and institutions, clearly endorse the correctness of the stance held by the Academy more than three years ago.

As to your point concerning Dr. Socas, the Academy will always be free to use all legal measures necessary to defend itself from slanderous accusations.

Yours sincerely,



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