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David Sholto, PhD, (by email)

Dear Dr Sholto

You emailed the University in August 2022 raising concerns with two manuscripts which were co-authored by a member of Queen’s staff, Professor Raj Singh Thakur. The manuscripts in question were:


During the intervening period the University investigated your concerns and subsequently requested Professor Thakur work with his co-authors to ensure the research record was corrected.

I know from correspondence that the authors raised this matter with the relevant journals following the outcome of our investigation. They have actively pursued a correction to the research record with the respective Editor’s in Chief (EiC) since then.

Earlier this month the EiC for the Journal of Biomaterials Science Polymer Edition approved the corrigendum requested by the authors and a corrected figure 8 will be published. The figures contained in the original article are not to be removed but the corrected figure added. The authors still await a response from the International Journal of Biological Macromolecules.

Corrections to published work, and the timelines required, remain outside of the University’s control, but we are still keen to ensure there is active engagement to uphold the integrity of the research record.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy McLoone

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