

RETRACTED: A systematic review and meta-analysis of feasibility, safety and efficacy of associating liver partition and portal vein ligation for staged hepatectomy (ALPPS) versus two-stage hepatectomy (TSH).

On January 4, 2016, the authors of the article entitled “A systematic review and meta-analysis of feasibility, safety and efficacy of associating liver partition and portal vein ligation for staged hepatectomy (ALPPS) versus two-stage hepatectomy (TSH)” (PMID: 26559020) contacted the Editor-in-Chief of Bioscience Trends regarding an oversight in their methodology. ALPPS is a surgical procedure that was first introduced in 2012. In its early stages, the procedure had several names, and a handful of researchers referred to ALPPS as “in situ liver transection with portal vein ligation.” However, this term was not included as a search term in the article comparing ALPPS and TSH. Once the authors became aware of this oversight, they contacted the Editor-in-Chief of Bioscience Trends to retract their paper. The Editor-in-Chief thoroughly examined the article and made the decision to retract the paper as the authors requested. The reason for this retraction is because the described meta-analysis lacked certain key search terms. The article is meaningful, but this oversight in methodology might undermine the findings of the meta-analysis.

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Reference

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