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Subject: Re: Concerns raised to the attention of COPE

Dear Ms Eggleton,

Thank you for your response to our request for comments on the concerns that Kyo Kageura has raised regarding the publications in Journal of Radiological Protection by Miyazaki and Hayano, and the handling of Letters to the editor submitted in response to those articles.

Dr Kageura has raised concerns about the way in which the correction to the record for the publications was handled. Dr Kageura has queried the fact that the journal has not issued Expressions of Concern for the articles. Expressions of Concern are intended to alert readers to concerns about a publication that may impact the validity of the findings and are, therefore, being investigated. Given that the two articles have been retracted, and that retractions de facto remove the publication from the literature, we do not view it as necessary or appropriate to issue Expressions of Concern for articles that have already been retracted.

Dr Kageura has also raised concerns about the content of the retraction notices published when the articles were retracted. He considers that the text of the notices does not adequately describe the concerns about the publications that supported their retraction. We would be grateful if you could comment on Dr Kageura's concerns about the retraction notices, could you please:

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Provide information on the circumstances and process that informed what concerns would be mentioned in the retraction notice.

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Dr Kageura indicates that the error in Table 1 is not adequately outlined in the retraction notice. Could you comment on the process that informed the evaluation of this error and the inaccuracies regarding the table and the dataset that should be outlined in the retraction notice.

Many thanks again for your attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes,

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