

Sincere Regret

On behalf of the Editorial Board of *Chemistry Letters*, it is with the greatest regret I announce to our Readers that the Highlight Review article of *Chem. Lett.* Vol. 38, No. 12, pp. 1122–1129, 2009 be retracted.

After we were informed of possible plagiarism from the Chief Editor of *Nature Chemistry* and received a retraction statement written by the author, Yi-Chou Tsai as printed below, we engaged in considerable discussion and came to the conclusion that the article should be retracted from *Chemistry Letters*.

Unfortunately, peer-review of Prof. Tsai's article had been completed prior to the appearance of the Review in *Nature Chemistry*, and needless to say no indication of plagiarism was evident at the time.

We are deeply sorry for any offence caused by this matter, and strongly urge the author to take responsibility and make amends for his careless disregard for *Chemistry Letters*, *Nature Chemistry*, and our valued readership.

We on the Editorial Board are taking responsibility to ensure that incidents such as this are not repeated. To begin with we are reconsidering our selection criteria for authors of Highlight Reviews.

Finally I sincerely thank you for your understanding and again hope you accept our remorse.

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Retraction Statement

I sincerely apologize to *Chemistry Letters* for retracting the review article *Chem. Lett.* 2009, **38**, 1122–1129, which includes some plagiarized passages.

In early April, 2009, I reviewed a manuscript for *Nature Chemistry*, I immediately approved it, and it was published as a review article on September 22, 2009, *Nat. Chem.* 2009, **1**, 529–536.

In June, I forwarded this manuscript to my co-author, Mr. Chih-Chieh Chang, who was asked by me to write the said *Chem. Lett.* review article, for reference.

Unfortunately, he copied some paragraphs from the *Nature Chemistry* review paper.

Our manuscript for *Chemistry Letters* was later submitted on September 11, 2009 and published online in November. Now, *Nature Chemistry* is asking us to retract the review article from *Chemistry Letters*.

I am really sorry for this big mistake, which badly hurt *Chemistry Letters*.

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