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I would like to formally request retraction of our article entitled "Elevated expression of CaMKII γ during osteoclastogenesis and its functional implications" published online on Dec. 12, 2006 by JCB. This request is due to a conflict of interest with my previous mentor, Dr. Jay McDonald.

The problem specifically pertains to two figures (Figure 4 and Figure 5). Data for these figures were collected by me while I was working as a research associate in Dr. Jay McDonald's laboratory. Funding for these studies came from Dr. McDonald's grants. Subsequently, with the permission of Dr. McDonald, I included these data in my NIH KO1 application and was successful in gaining the award. I then left Dr. McDonald's laboratory and moved to Rockford and started publishing data from my grant. Since Dr. McDonald already permitted me to use the data in my grant, I thought I could publish the work by acknowledging him. As a newly-independent junior investigator, I was not fully aware of the seriousness of the issue of not having his written approval before publishing the work. There were no malicious intentions or foul play intended in my actions. It was mere ignorance. I apologize for the inconvenience it has caused to the journal.

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