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Retraction Note to: Stromal vascular fraction cells for the treatment of critical limb ischemia: a pilot study

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The Editor-in-Chief and the publisher have retracted this article [1]. An investigation by the Lithuanian Bioethics Committee concluded that, contrary to the statements in the article, the study described was not conducted in the Vilnius City Clinical Hospital and the Commission of Medical Ethics did not issue any approval for such a study. Additionally, investigation by the State Health Care Accreditation Agency of the Ministry of Health revealed that the records of the patients described in this study could not be located and verified. The Lithuanian Bioethics Committee therefore concluded that the data are unreliable. The Ombudsperson for Academic Ethics and Procedures conducted a follow up investigation and affirmed that the information presented with respect to the location of the study, the ethical approval, and the period of data collection was fictional but was provided as if it was true, i.e. this information was fabricated.

Adas Darinskas and Thomas E. Ichim disagree with this retraction. The other authors did not respond to any correspondence about this retraction.

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