

Retraction unexplained: On the incomprehensive retraction by *Cureus* Editorial Board of “Increased Age-Adjusted Cancer Mortality After the Third mRNA-Lipid Nanoparticle Vaccine Dose During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Japan”, a Japanese translation of which was published in *Clinical Evaluation* Vol. 52, No. 1.

The original article of above-mentioned Japanese translation was submitted to *Cureus Journal of Medical Science*, and after the peer-review process, accepted on April 1, 2024, finally published on April 8. Its Japanese translation was published on July 1, in our journal *Clinical Evaluation* Vol. 52, No. 1. Then on July 2, the authors/translators informed us that the *Cureus* Editor-in-Chief retracted this article. Because the *Cureus* retraction notification does not specify the specific data or descriptions of the texts of this article as the reason of retraction, we asked the author to provide the following information. The author requested us to disseminate following information, regarding the issue of this retraction.

Editor-in-Chief, *Clinical Evaluation*
(July 20, 2024)

Chronology of Events Surrounding the Publication and Retraction by *Cureus* Editorial Board of “Increased Age-Adjusted Cancer Mortality After the Third mRNA-Lipid Nanoparticle Vaccine Dose During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Japan” doi:10.7759/cureus.57860: Authors' Testimony

1. The paper was submitted to the *Cureus Journal of Medical Science* on 8 Oct. 2023. It underwent peer review, responding to all the comments from reviewers, in official process of peer review. The paper was accepted by the editor-in-chief on 1 Apr. 2024 and published online on 8 Apr. 2024.
<https://www.cureus.com/articles/196275-increased-age-adjusted-cancer-mortality-after-the-third-mrna-lipid-nanoparticle-vaccine-dose-during-the-covid-19-pandemic-in-japan#!/>

2. According to available metrics, the paper was viewed approximately 287,000 times in the first three months after publication. It received attention on various social networking services, including commentary from international experts.
<https://rumble.com/v4pjyex-caner-after-covid-vaccination.html>

3. On 26 Jun. 2024, *Cureus* published the following statement on their website: "The Editors-in-Chief have retracted this article. Upon post-publication review, it has been determined that the correlation between mortality rates and vaccination status cannot be proven with the data presented in this article. As this invalidates the conclusions of the article, the decision has been made to retract. The authors disagree with this retraction."
<https://www.cureus.com/articles/196275-increased-age-adjusted-cancer-mortality-after-the-third-mrna-lipid-nanoparticle-vaccine-dose-during-the-covid-19-pandemic-in-japan/retraction#!/>

4. Following the retraction, several researchers and other journals have expressed concerns about Cureus's decision to retract this paper.

https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/japanese-study-covid-vaccines-cancer-mortality/?utm_id=2024070

We, the authors of the original paper, collectively confirm that the above account is accurate to the best of our knowledge.

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