Skullduggery

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In the July 2005 issue, we published an erroneous statement about the funding of the discovery of a new small-bodied hominid from the Late Pleistocene on the island of Flores, Indonesia. An editing error created the impression that the US National Geographic Society (Washington, DC, USA) had funded the dig and the research leading to the publications in *Nature* (Brown *et al* (2004) *Nature* 431: 1055–1061; Morwood *et al* (2004) *Nature* 431: 1087–1091). In fact, the US National

Geographic Society did not contribute any funds to the dig or the research; these were funded by the Australian Research Council, the University of New England (Armidale, NSW, Australia) and the University of Wollongong (NSW, Australia).

The part of the article is printed in its correct form below.

"The Hobbit story seems designed for twenty-first century media because indeed it was. The US National Geographic Society has funded paleontology research for many

years, always promoting and portraying it as notably useful—sometimes even before publication. The Society has underwritten some Hobbit research not related to the original publications in *Nature*, and its news on the Hobbit began appearing simultaneously with the *Nature* papers; television followed soon after. *Nature* accompanied the papers with its own press conferences, press kits, videos and news stories. [...]"

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SUMO-1 represses apoptosis signal-regulating kinase 1 activation through physical interaction and not through covalent modification

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Fig 1 | Apoptosis signal-regulating kinase 1 interacts with Ubc9 and small ubiquitin-related modifier-1 in BOSC23 cells. (A) Apoptosis signal-regulating kinase 1 (ASK1) binds to small ubiquitin-related modifier-1 (SUMO-1) in BOSC23 cells. Cells were co-transfected with 2 µg of indicated DNAs. At 48 h after transfection, cell lysates were immunoprecipitated with anti-haemagglutinin (HA) antibody and immunoblotted with anti-Xpress antibody (left panel). BOSC23 cells were untreated or treated for 1 h with 1 mM H₂O₂. Cell lysates were immunoprecipitated with anti-mouse IgG₁ or with anti-ASK1 antibody and were immunoblotted with anti-SUMO-1 antibody (right panel). Whole-cell lysates (WCLs) were also immunoblotted with the indicated antibodies to show the expression. (B) ASK1 binds to Ubc9 in BOSC23 cells. A similar set of experiments as in (A) was carried out using Flag-Ubc9 instead of Xpress-SUMO-1 (left panel) and Ubc9 antibody instead of SUMO-1 antibody (right panel). ◀ IP, immunoprecipitation; WB, western blot.