Retraction: ‘Ubiquitination of the GTPase Rap1B by the ubiquitin ligase Smurf2 is required for the establishment of neuronal polarity’

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We have been made aware of a number of issues with figures included in our research article published in 2007 (*The EMBO Journal* 26: 1410–1422). Briefly, image aberrations and/or duplications were apparent in Figures 2A (splicing of right most lane in the Myc blot); 2B and 2C (duplication of lysate Myc blot and

lysate Flag blot, respectively); 2D (splicing on right and left of Flag blot); 2C and 5A (duplication and rotation of GST/Rap1B section of GST blot and tubulin blot, respectively) and aberrant image processing in the top left corner of two panels in Figure 6A labelled Smurf2 RNAi + HECT. We have been unable to locate the original data associated with these figures, and it has therefore not been possible to resolve these issues. At the request of the first author, JCS, all of the authors therefore agreed to retract the paper. We apologize for any adverse consequences that may have arisen from these errors.