**Supplementary Digital Content 1 - Survey**

We would like to ask you to respond to the following questions (less than five minutes of your time)

1. Were you aware that the article was retracted when you initially cited it?
2. Yes
3. No
4. References were double checked before the submission?
5. Yes, by an author
6. Yes, by two or more authors
7. Yes, by a librarian
8. No
9. When developing the publication, which strategy did you use to check whether any of your references have been retracted?
10. Manually searched for the article on the journal website
11. Used an automated tool
12. Manually searched using a tool, database or website
13. None
14. Did any editor or reviewers raise any issue regarding the retracted reference?
	1. Editor
	2. Reviewer
	3. Both
	4. None
15. If you were aware of the article being retracted why did you cite it?
	1. Paper findings was too relevant
	2. Minor issue caused retraction not influencing paper validity
	3. I/my group wrote the cited article and I was confident in paper validity.
	4. Other (please state)
	5. Not aware
16. If you were not aware of the article being retracted what is the main motivation?
	1. Not adequately highlighted in the journal
	2. Not adequately highlighted in the search database
	3. Poor coordination in our team
	4. Other (please state)
	5. I was aware
17. The retracted reference was substantially important for your paper or for any part of it?
18. For all the paper
19. Only for power size calculation or statistical analysis
20. Discussion
21. Conclusion
22. Other (specify)
23. I think it had no impact on our paper