

# Naoki Mori

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**Naoki Mori** (森 直樹 *Mori Naoki*<sup>?</sup>) is a Japanese virologist who worked at the University of the Ryukyus in Okinawa Prefecture, Japan. He received numerous awards for his research on human T-cell leukemia virus type 1 (HTLV-1), a retrovirus which causes adult T-cell leukemia.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

## Research fraud  [ edit ]

In 2010, *RetractionWatch* reported that 5 of Mori's papers had been *retracted* by the journal *Infection and Immunity*. (The *New York Times* put the figure at six.<sup>[3]</sup>)The papers, which were published between 2000 and 2009, described studies on *H. pylori*.<sup>[2][4]</sup> Mori was banned from publishing articles in journals operated by the *American Society for Microbiology* after it was determined that he had manipulated data and images in a number of articles.<sup>[2]</sup> As of October 2011, thirty papers coauthored by Mori have been retracted, including 5 from *Infection and Immunity*, 7 from the *International Journal of Cancer*,<sup>[5]</sup> 2 from *Blood*, 1 from *Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications* titled *Downregulation of citrin, a mitochondrial AGC, is associated with apoptosis of hepatocytes*.<sup>[6][7]</sup> Mori took "full responsibility" for "multiple inaccurate and inappropriately duplicated" images,<sup>[8]</sup> and was dismissed from his university post in August 2010.<sup>[2]</sup>

After the dismissal in 2010, Naoki Mori was rehired and resumed publishing.<sup>[9]</sup> Recent publication included research paper titled 'Honokiol induces cell cycle arrest and apoptosis via inhibition of survival signals in adult T-cell leukemia'.<sup>[10]</sup>

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