MEMORANDUM

To: Prof. dr. ir. Karen I.J. Maex, Rector Magnificus, University of Amsterdam

CC: Stephen Rao, PhD, Chair of the Publications and Communications Board
    Jasper Simons, Chief Publishing Officer

From: Rose Sokol-Chang, PhD, Publisher, APA Journals

Date: September 7, 2018

Re: Appeal to Requested Retraction for Article Published by the American Psychological Association

In a letter dated December 13, 2017, the University of Amsterdam made a recommendation to retract the following article published by the American Psychological Association and co-authored by Dr. Jens Förster, on the basis that it has shown “strong evidence of low scientific veracity of its results”:


The request was appealed by co-author Dr. Jens Förster, and all materials were reviewed by the current editor of Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, Dr. Nelson Cowan, as well as the APA Publications and Communications Board at its August 2018 meeting.

Having considered the co-author’s appeal and the editor’s recommendation, and after reviewing the statistical advice issued by Tel Aviv University regarding an earlier appeal, the Publications and Communications Board voted not to retract the article.

This memorandum will be shared with Dr. Jens Förster, co-author and appellant regarding the retraction request.