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AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR NUTRITION RETRACTS GOLDEN RICE ARTICLE

July 30, 2015— A ruling by the Massachusetts Superior Court, Judge Salinger, on July 17, 2015 has cleared the way for the American Society for Nutrition (ASN) to retract the article “ β -Carotene in Golden Rice is as good as β -carotene in oil at providing vitamin A to children” which was published in the September 2012 issue of *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* (*Am J Clin Nutr* 2012 96: 658-66). The article was retracted by the American Society for Nutrition on July 29, 2015.

In July 2014, Dr. Guangwen Tang filed a complaint and a motion for preliminary injunction against ASN. A hearing on Dr. Tang’s motion for preliminary injunction was ultimately held on July 17, 2015. After oral argument, the Court denied Dr. Tang’s motion, ruling that the injunction would constitute an unconstitutional prior restraint on speech as well as an unconstitutional order compelling speech. ASN is very pleased that the Massachusetts courts have upheld the organization’s First Amendment rights and have allowed ASN to move forward with the retraction of the article.

A [retraction notice](#) was published online ahead of print on July 29, 2015 and will be published in print and online in the September 2015 issue of *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*.

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