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The large-conductance Ca^{2+} -activated K^{+} channel is essential for innate immunity

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The authors wish to retract this Letter after the report of an inability to reproduce their results¹, later confirmed by another². The studies the authors then conducted led to an internal investigation by University College London, please see the accompanying Supplementary Information for details. The retraction has not been signed by Jatinder Ahluwalia.

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