



What happened to the Essay by Tomáš Hudlický?

On June 4, 2020, an Essay entitled "*Organic synthesis-Where now? is thirty years old. A reflection on the current state of affairs*" by Tomáš Hudlický was published on the website of Angewandte Chemie as an "Accepted Article". It was soon recognized that the publication was a mistake (see <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/anie.202008469>) since it contains statements on various aspects that are in contradiction to the values of the German Chemical Society, the owner of Angewandte Chemie. The fact that this article successfully passed the peer review, as well as the editorial decision-making process, prompted an intense discussion, and it will trigger changes in the manuscript handling. As an immediate consequence, the article was retracted pending the results of an internal investigation that started immediately. During the time of the investigation, the article was not available on the website. Since the investigation confirmed the concerns that the publication also infringes on the publisher's professional ethical code, the essay was formally withdrawn on June 29, 2020 before a Version of Record had been generated. An immediate consequence of the withdrawal is that the copyright on the article falls back to the author who is now in a position to publish the paper in a venue at his discretion, other than Angewandte Chemie.

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