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Retracted, with a note that says "we believe that all the key findings of the paper with regards to co-authorship between junior and senior researchers are still valid". Isn't it important to discuss the many points on which the paper is incorrect?

> Our latest editorial https://t.co/tnJnSMe1UN reports the context and outcome of our investigation on this paper https://t.co/l1GBwoGmon on mentorship, and explains changes to our editorial processes.
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> — Nature Communications (@NatureComms) December 21, 2020

1. The gender analysis was "only meant to be exploratory" and used techniques that "cannot be claimed to establish causality" but causal inferences were made anyway.

Causal claims were justified by pointing out that other people do it too. "While this technique does not establish the existence of a causal effect, it is commonly used to infer causality from observational data."