# Discussion 1: Bad Science

You are required to find at least one example of a scientific paper (or group of papers) that was retracted (or otherwise discredited) due to bad scientific practices or arguments. Statistical issues are of particular interest, but don’t have to be the main issue. Any field of research may be relevant.

Explain, in your own words, what the problem was. [20 marks] Explain any statistical issues present in detail. [15 marks] Suggest any approaches on the part of researchers that might help avoid such issues. [10 marks] What could journals do to reduce such issues? [10 marks]

Your discussion should not exceed 500 words, including references. Type it first in a word processor and check for spelling/grammar issues, before copy-pasting into a new thread in the appropriate forum on Blackboard. Use your name and surname as the thread name. [25 marks for following all instructions]

Lastly, try to ask an insightful question or make a comment that creates discussion or elaborates on a topic, in response to at least two threads of your classmates. [20 marks]

Remember that you will not be able to see what others have posted until you post, so don’t leave this to the last minute. In this forum you will also not be able to edit your post, you must respond to your own post and comment what you would like to change.