

Elisabeth Bik



Bik in 2019

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Scientific career

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Thesis [Cholera: vaccine development and evolution of epidemic](#)
[Vibrio cholerae strains](#) (1996)

[Wikipedia](#)

HOW A SHARP-EYED SCIENTIST BECAME BIOLOGY'S IMAGE DETECTIVE

Using just her eyes and memory, Elisabeth Bik has single-handedly identified thousands of studies containing potentially doctored scientific images.

By Ingfei Chen

June 23, 2021

[New Yorker](#), 2021

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Elisabeth Margaretha Harbers-Bik (born 1966) is a Dutch microbiologist and [scientific integrity](#) consultant.^[1] Bik is known for her work detecting [photo manipulation](#) in scientific publications,^{[2][3][4]} and identifying over 4,000 potential cases of improper research conduct,^[5] including 400 research papers published by authors in China from a [research paper mill](#) company. Bik is the founder of Microbiome Digest,^[6] a blog with daily updates on [microbiome](#) research, and the Science Integrity Digest blog.^{[7][8]}

Bik was awarded the 2021 [John Maddox Prize](#) for "outstanding work exposing widespread threats to research integrity in scientific papers".^[9]

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