

# Dr. Iman Sadeghi v. Dr. Hao Li

## Truth Challenge

### Background

I, Dr. Iman **Sadeghi**, filed a verified complaint<sup>1</sup> on June 11, 2018 in the Superior Court of California against **Pinscreen** Inc. and its Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Hao **Li**, who is an assistant professor at University of Southern California:

<http://sadeghi.com/dr-iman-sadeghi-v-pinscreen-inc-et-al>

I allege that Li perpetrated **Fraud and Deceit, Data Fabrication, and Academic Misconduct** supported by conclusive evidence.

Li responded in the LA Times<sup>2</sup> on June 20, 2018 that “**All the allegations are 100% False.**”

### Truth Challenge

I challenge Li to confirm his position on a small subset of community relevant allegations, under penalty of perjury, by **signing the attached form and sharing it publicly** on his social media.

I appeal to my coauthors, collaborators, and colleagues; my fellow scientists, academics, researchers, and engineers; Computer Science, Computer Graphics, and SIGGRAPH communities; friends, family, and individuals who value [#science](#), [#integrity](#), and the [#truth](#) to invite Li to accept the challenge<sup>3</sup>. [#truthchallenge](#)

### Verification

I, Dr. Iman Sadeghi, hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all allegations stated in this challenge are True and all evidence referenced in the challenge is Authentic.

Dated: July 9, 2018

Very truly yours,



By: .....

Dr. Iman Sadeghi

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<sup>1</sup> <http://sadeghi.com/Dr-Iman-Sadeghi-v-Pinscreen-Inc-et-al.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.latimes.com/business/technology/la-fi-pinscreen-lawsuit-20180620-story.html>

<sup>3</sup> <http://sadeghi.com/Dr-Iman-Sadeghi-v-Dr-Hao-Li-Truth-Challenge.pdf>

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## Truth Challenge

I, Dr. Hao Li, the Chief Executive Officer of **Pinscreen Inc.**, hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is correct:

### Allegations

Mark each selected allegation from the complaint\* as *True* or *False*:

Pinscreen misrepresented manually prepared data as automatically generated in its <b>SIGGRAPH Real-Time Live (RTL) submission</b> on April 4, 2017.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
Pinscreen misrepresented manually prepared data as automatically generated in its <b>SIGGRAPH Asia Technical Papers submission</b> on May 23, 2017.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
Pinscreen misrepresented manually prepared data as automatically generated in its <b>SIGGRAPH Real-Time Live (RTL) public demo</b> on August 1, 2017.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
Pinscreen misrepresented pre-cached avatars as real-time and brand-new from the webcam in its <b>SIGGRAPH Real-Time Live (RTL) public demo</b> on August 1, 2017.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
Pinscreen misrepresented the speed of its avatar generation of around a minute and half as around 5 seconds in its <b>SIGGRAPH Real-Time Live (RTL) public demo</b> on August 1, 2017.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
Pinscreen misrepresented manually prepared data as automatically generated in its representations to the investment firm <b>Softbank Ventures Korea</b> .	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False

### Evidence

There is ample evidence related to the Data Fabrication and Academic Misconduct allegations in Exhibit E of the complaint. Most of the evidence contains Li's own written statements.

Mark the following selected evidence containing Li's statements from Exhibit E of the complaint as *Authentic* or *Inauthentic*:

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\* <http://sadeghi.com/dr-iman-sadeghi-v-pinscreen-inc-et-al>

E7: Li's group messages, on March 27, 2017, leading up to **SIGGRAPH Real-Time Live (RTL) submission** due on April 4, 2017:

- Authentic
- Inauthentic

- [March 27, 2017] Li: "The reconstruction part we probably have no choice but to cheat"

RTL Demo ( Pinscreen: Creating Performance-Dri...  
6 participants | <https://join.skype.com/QxrqJMUmjDyJ>

Monday, March 27, 2017

**Hao Li**  
10:39 PM

it s even better to have not good looking hair real-time than good looking non real-time hair  
but we should try to have some hair if we want to try to aim for it  
the reconstruction part we probably have no choice but to cheat

E8: Li's group messages, on May 22, 2017, one day before **SIGGRAPH Asia Technical Papers submission** due on May 23, 2017:

- Authentic
- Inauthentic

- [May 22, 2017] Li: "We are late by 6 hours"
- [May 22, 2017] Li: "We almost don't [have] time to produce results and write the paper"
- [May 22, 2017] Li: "If in an hour it's not working let's do it manually"
- [May 22, 2017] Li: "And give up on it"
- [May 22, 2017] Li: "I don't think we can make it automatic"

PinscreenTeamAll  
14 participants | <https://join.skype.com/GAqRh4ygaYnD>

Monday, May 22, 2017

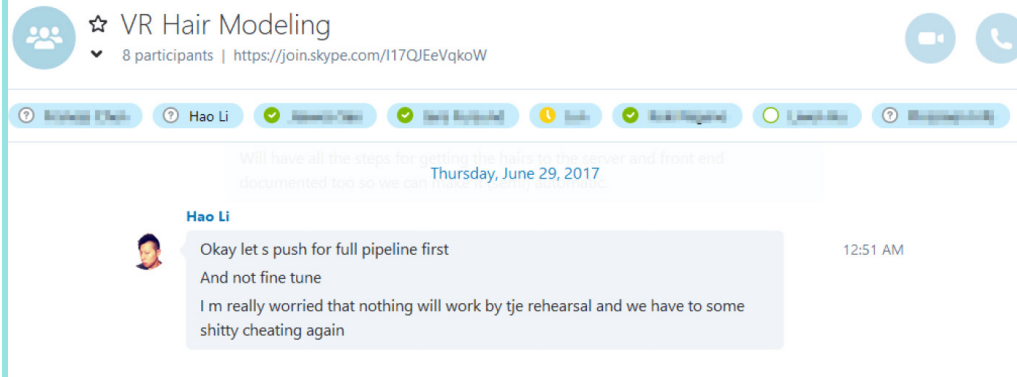
**Hao Li**  
2:18 PM

what s the current ETA?  
i need it to see if we shoudn't do something else?  
we are late by 6 hours  
we almost don't hzve time to produce results and write the paper  
if in an hour it s not working let s do it manually  
and give up on it  
i don't think we can make it automatic

E5: Li's group messages, on June 29, 2017, leading up to **SIGGRAPH Real-Time Live (RTL) public demo's rehearsal** on July 7, 2017:

- Authentic
- Inauthentic

- [June 29, 2017] Li: "I'm really worried that nothing will work by [the] rehearsal and we have to [do] some shitty cheating again"



Mark the remaining evidence containing Li's statements from Exhibit E of the complaint which you claim to be *Inauthentic*:

- E1    E2    E3    E4    E6    E10    E11    E12    E13    E14    E15    E16
- E17    E18    E19    E23    E24    E26    E29    E31    E33    E35    E36    E37

Dated: .....

By: .....  
Dr. Hao Li