

Retraction: Long non-coding RNA TUG1 promotes cervical cancer progression by regulating the miR-138-5p-SIRT1 axis

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This article has been retracted: Oncotarget's investigation of this paper has concluded. This investigation found that Figure 6B contains a duplicate blot image also found in Figure 5B of an earlier paper [1]. This image also appears in Figure 6 of [2]. Figure 7 duplicates images found in Figure 5C of [2] as well. Both images of mice in Figure 3B are duplicates of those found in Figure 2C of an earlier paper [3]. Oncotarget was also contacted by *Molecular Therapy – Nucleic Acids* journal, whose investigation revealed that there were duplicate images between this article and [4]. Specifically, the transwell assay images in Figure 2D of the MTNA paper, match Transwell assay images in Figure 2E of this Oncotarget paper, and the immunohistochemistry images in Figure 7E of the MTNA paper, match immunohistochemistry images in Figure 3D and 3E of this Oncotarget paper. Corresponding author Jie Zhu has asked for a retraction on behalf of all authors; however, none of the other authors have responded to the journal's requests for confirmation of the retraction. Based on these facts, the Editorial decision was made to retract this paper.

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