

Retraction

Retraction: MiR-744 increases tumorigenicity of pancreatic cancer by activating Wnt/ β -catenin pathway**Wei Zhou¹, Yongfeng Li¹, Shanmiao Gou¹, Jiongxin Xiong¹, Heshui Wu¹, Chunyou Wang¹, Haijiao Yan² and Tao Liu^{1,3}**¹Pancreatic Disease Institute, Union Hospital, Tongji Medical College, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, Hubei, 430022, P.R. China²Department of Oncology, the Third Affiliated Hospital of Soochow University, Changzhou, 213003, P.R. China³Department of Digestive Surgical Oncology, Union Hospital, Tongji Medical College, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, Hubei, 430022, P.R. China**Published:** December 31, 2025**Copyright:** © 2025 Zhou et al. This is an open access article distributed under the terms of the [Creative Commons Attribution License](#) (CC BY 4.0), which permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original author and source are credited.

This article has been retracted: Oncotarget has completed its investigation of this paper. Image forensic analysis confirmed that one panel in Figure 2C and three panels in Figure 3C were duplicated from corresponding panels in Figures 2C and 3C of reference [1], published earlier, despite representing different experiments. In addition, the miR-744 sequence shown in Figure 5A is incorrect and does not match the sequence listed in miRBase. The authors initially provided data for potential corrections; however, the extent and number of required corrections exceeded a reasonable threshold. As a result, the Editorial Decision was made to retract the publication. The National Natural Science Foundation of China Supervision Committee also confirmed misconduct, determining that the first author (Zhou Wei), second author (Li Yongfeng), and corresponding author (Liu Tao) were responsible for the identified issues. The authors agreed with the retraction.

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