



Retraction

RETRACTED: Alhakamy et al. Chitosan-Based Microparticles Enhance Ellagic Acid's Colon Targeting and Proapoptotic Activity. *Pharmaceutics* 2020, 12, 652

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The journal retracts the article “Chitosan-Based Microparticles Enhance Ellagic Acid's Colon Targeting and Proapoptotic Activity” [1], cited above.

Following publication, concerns were brought to the attention of the publisher regarding overlap of the images.

Adhering to our complaints procedure, an investigation was conducted that confirmed the overlap of Figure 7 with a figure in a previously published article [2], listing different experimental time points [2]. Furthermore, an overlap between Figures 4 and 5 within this article [1] was also confirmed.

While the authors fully cooperated with the Editorial Office during the investigation, they were unable to satisfactorily explain the overlap of the figures, nor could they meet the required quality standards for raw images in order to consider a correction as per the journal's original image requirements policy (<https://www.mdpi.com/journal/>

[pharmaceutics/instructions#oriimages](#)). As a result, the Editorial Board and Editor-in-Chief were unable to confirm the reliability of the findings and subsequently decided to retract this paper.

This retraction was approved by the Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Pharmaceutics*. The authors did not agree to this retraction.

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