

Overexpression of Mst1 Reduces Gastric Cancer Cell Viability by Repressing the AMPK-Sirt3 Pathway and Activating Mitochondrial Fission [Retraction]

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We, the Editors and Publisher of *OncoTargets and Therapy*, have retracted the following article.

Following publication of the article, concerns were raised about the duplication of images from Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 with images from other unrelated articles. Specifically,

- Images for Figure 1H have been duplicated with images for Figure 1b from Ji K, Lin K, Wang Y, et al. TAZ inhibition promotes IL-2-induced apoptosis of hepatocellular carcinoma cells by activating the JNK/F-actin/mitochondrial fission pathway. *Cancer Cell Int.* 2018;18:117. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12935-018-0615-y>; Figure 2H from Feng J, Li H, Zhang Y, et al. Mammalian STE20-Like Kinase 1 Deletion Alleviates Renal Ischaemia-Reperfusion Injury via Modulating Mitophagy and the AMPK-YAP Signalling Pathway. *Cellular Physiology and Biochemistry.* 2018;51(5):2359–2376. <https://doi.org/10.1159/000495896> and Figure 4G from Wei B, Wang M, Hao W, He X. RETRACTED ARTICLE: Mst1 facilitates hyperglycemia-induced retinal pigmented epithelial cell apoptosis by evoking mitochondrial stress and activating the Smad2 signaling pathway. *Cell Stress and Chaperones.* 2019;24:259–272. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12192-018-00963-z>.
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