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Retraction Note: PI3K/Akt pathway and Nanog maintain cancer stem cells in sarcomas

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The authors have retracted this article. After publication, concerns were raised regarding the data presented in the figures. Specifically:

- In Fig. 4C, the sh.Scr + DMSO tumor image appears highly similar to the Fig. 6A upper tumor image of [1]
- In Fig. 4C, the sh.Nanog + Dox tumor image appears highly similar to the Fig. 6B Cisplatin tumor image of [2]
- In Fig. 4D, the Cleaved Caspase-3 sh.Scr Dox image has elements that appear highly similar to the Fig. 6D sh.AKT1/2 -Dox image
- In Fig. 6C, the sh.AKT1/2 + Dox tumor image appears highly similar to the Fig. 6B Fasudil tumor image of [2]

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