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Withdrawal: Mechanism of hepatitis C virus (HCV)-induced osteopontin and its role in epithelial to mesenchymal transition of hepatocytes.

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This article has been withdrawn by Jawed Iqbal, Steven McRae, Krishna Banaudha, and Gulam Waris. Thi Mai could not be reached. The image of Huh7.5 + NS5A (merge) was reused in Iqbal *et al.* (2014) *PLoS One* **9**, e87464, representing similar experimental conditions. The p-GSK-3 β immunoblot from Fig. 9 was reused as NLRP3 in Fig. 1D of McRae *et al.* (2016) *J. Biol. Chem.* **291**, 3254–3267. The paper, with confirmatory data supporting the results, can be obtained by contacting the withdrawing authors. The withdrawing authors sincerely apologize to the readers.