

Expression of Concern

Biochemical evidence for Ku-independent backup pathways of NHEJ

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The Authors and Editors wish to jointly publish an Expression of Concern regarding the above article.

The Editors wish to alert the readers that questions have been raised about the validity of some of the figures presented in this article.

In Figure 2B, some lanes have been duplicated as described below:

The sample of HeLa without NHS was lost, the authors duplicated the lane of HeLa with 0.05µl NHS.

The sample of M059-J with 0.2µl of NHS was lost, the authors duplicated the lane of M059-J with 0.025µl of NHS.

Lane 7 of Figure 3B (M059-J, probe only) has been copied from a different experiment.

While these irregularities may not fundamentally affect the results and conclusions of the article, the Editors nonetheless note that such manipulations of data and corresponding figures is unacceptable. The authors concur and deeply regret the transgression.

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