

## Silencing of Long Non-Coding RNA-HCG18 Inhibits the Tumorigenesis of Gastric Cancer Through Blocking PI3K/Akt Pathway [Retraction]

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The Editor and Publisher of *OncoTargets and Therapy* wish to retract the published paper.

The journal was notified of possible image manipulation and duplication in:

- Figure 2D - panels MGC803 Blank, si-NC, si-HCG18 and panels AGS Blank, si-NC, si-HCG18, which all appeared to share duplicated elements
- Figure 3A - panels AGS 0 h si-NC and 48 h Blank, which appeared to show duplicated elements shared between both images
- Figure 5C - panels PI si-NC, si-HCG18 and si-HCG18+740-P

- Figure 6A - panels Mock 4 w, si-HCG18 2 w and si-HCG18 4 w, which appeared to show image splicing and irregular shadowing

The authors were unable to provide the necessary raw data for their study and the editor determined the findings of the study were no longer valid.

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