

## Long Non-Coding RNA EGOT Promotes the Malignant Phenotypes of Hepatocellular Carcinoma Cells and Increases the Expression of HMGA2 via Down-Regulating miR-33a-5p [Retraction]

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The Editor and Publisher of *OncoTargets and Therapy* wish to retract the published article. Concerns were raised regarding the alleged duplication of images in Figures 2, 3 and 6. Specifically,

- Figure 2E, si-RNA-NC appears to have been duplicated with the same image for Figure 6G, EGOT/miR-33a-5p which has been rotated.
- Figure 2E, siRNA-EGOT-1 appears to have been duplicated with the same image for Figure 3F, EGOT which has been rotated.
- Figure 2F, si-RNA-NC appears to have been duplicated with the same image for Figure 3E, lncRNA-NC which has been rotated.
- Figure 2F, si-RNA-NC appears to have been duplicated with the same image for Figure 6G, NC which has been rotated.
- Figure 2F, siRNA-EGOT-1 appears to have been duplicated with the same image for Figure 3F, lncRNA-NC.
- Figure 2F, siRNA-EGOT-1 appears to have been duplicated with the same image for Figure 6H, EGOT/miR-33a-5p which has been rotated.
- Figure 3E, lncRNA-NC appears to have been duplicated with the same image for Figure 6G, NC which has been rotated.
- Figure 3F, lncRNA-NC appears to have been duplicated with the same image for Figure 6H, EGOT/miR-33a-5p.

The authors did not respond to our queries and the Editor requested to retract the article and the authors were notified of this.

We have been informed in our decision-making by our policy on publishing ethics and integrity and the COPE guidelines on retractions.

The retracted article will remain online to maintain the scholarly record, but it will be digitally watermarked on each page as “Retracted”.