

Synaptopodin-2 Plays an Important Role in the Metastasis of Breast Cancer via PI3K/Akt/mTOR Pathway [Retraction]

Xia E, Zhou X, Bhandari A, Zhang X, Wang O. *Cancer Manag Res*. 2018;10:1575–1583.

We, the Editors and Publisher of the journal *Cancer Management and Research*, have retracted the published article.

After publication, the authors contacted the journal in 2024 requesting the correction to Figure 8 of the article as this did not accurately represent the outcomes of the experiment.

Further investigation conducted by the Journal and Publisher confirmed significant integrity concerns, including unexpected similarities between the image panels in Figure 8 and Figure 4 of the authors' other published article which is representative of different treatment conditions:

Bhandari A, Xia E, Zhou Y, et al. ITGA7 functions as a tumor suppressor and regulates migration and invasion in breast cancer. *Cancer Manag Res*. 2018;10:969–976. <https://doi.org/10.2147/CMAR.S160379>

Additional integrity concerns were identified by the Journal and Publisher in the Western blots shown in Figures 3 and 6.

When approached for an explanation, the authors have cooperated with the investigation and provided the requested raw data for Figure 8. However, due to the time that has elapsed since the experiments were done, the original Western blots are unavailable.

As we cannot confirm the validity of the reported results and the editorial team no longer have confidence in the reported conclusions, we are therefore retracting the article. The corresponding author listed in this publication has been informed.

We have been informed in our decision-making by our Editorial policies and the COPE guidelines.

The retracted article will remain online to maintain the scholarly record, but it will be digitally watermarked on each page as 'Retracted'.

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