RETRACTION

## MicroRNA-936 Targets FGF2 to Inhibit Epithelial Ovarian Cancer Aggressiveness by Deactivating the PI3K/Akt Pathway [Retraction]

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The Editor and Publisher of *OncoTargets and Therapy* wish to retract the published article. Concerns were raised over alleged image duplication in Figures 4C, 5C and 7A with similar images from unrelated articles, specifically:

- Figure 4C, panel CAOV-3 si-NC appears to have been duplicated with a similar image in Figure 5C from Yang et al, 2019 (<a href="https://doi.org/10.2147/OTT.S202309">https://doi.org/10.2147/OTT.S202309</a>).
- Figure 4C, panel CAOV-3 si-FGF2 appears to have been duplicated with a similar image in Figure 5D from Wu et al, 2018 (https://doi.org/10.3892/or.2018.6302).
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- <u>2018.6264</u>) and Figure 5D from Wu et al, 2018 (https://doi.org/10.3892/or.2018.6302).
- Figure 7A appears to have been duplicated with a similar image in Figure 8A from Zhao et al, 2018 (https://doi.org/10.3892/ijo.2018.4576).

The authors responded to our queries but were unable to provide a satisfactory explanation for the alleged duplication and could not provide satisfactory original data for their study. The Editor advised for the article to be retracted.

Our decision-making was informed by our policy on publishing ethics and integrity and the COPE guidelines on retraction.

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