

MicroRNA-381 Enhances Radiosensitivity in Esophageal Squamous Cell Carcinoma by Targeting X-Linked Inhibitor of Apoptosis Protein [Retraction]

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The Editor and Publisher of *OncoTargets and Therapy* are retracting the published article. Concerns were raised regarding the duplication of western blot images and an investigation found duplicated images in Figures 3 and 6. Specifically,

- The image in Figure 3D, TE10, c-caspase-3, has been duplicated with the same image from Figure 6C, TE10, c-PARP.
- The image in Figure 3D, TE10, c-PARP has been duplicated with the same image from Figure 3D, TE11, c-PARP.
- The image in Figure 3D, TE10/miR-381(+), c-caspase-3, has been duplicated with the same image from Figure 3D, TE11/miR-NC(-), Total PARP.
- The image in Figure 3D, TE11, Total PARP, has been duplicated with the same image from Figure 6C, TE11, Total caspase-3.
- The image from Figure 6C, TE10/shXIAP(+), c-PARP has been duplicated with the same image from Figure 6C, TE11/shcontrol(-), Total caspase-3.

The authors cooperated with the investigation but were unable to provide a satisfactory explanation regarding the duplicated images and were unable to verify the published work. Therefore, the Editor and Publisher are retracting the article and the authors have been notified.

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