

miR-188-5p Promotes Tumor Growth by Targeting CD2AP Through PI3K/AKT/mTOR Signaling in Children with Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia [Retraction]

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- The image for Figure 2C, HL60 cell, mimics NC, has been duplicated with the image for Figure 3F, EC18, Vector-UCA1, from Zhu Z, Wang H, Pang Y, Hu H, Zhang H, Wang W. Exosomal long non-coding RNA UCA1 functions as growth inhibitor in esophageal cancer. *Aging* (Albany NY). 2020;12:20523–20539. <https://doi.org/10.18632/aging.103911> (RETRACTED).
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