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The Editor-in-chief and Publisher of *OncoTargets and Therapy* wish to retract the published article. Concerns were raised regarding the alleged duplication of images within the article with images from other publications. Specifically:

- The western blot bands for GAPDH in Figure 3C appear to have been duplicated with the western blot bands for β -actin in Figure 4C from Wen et al, 2015 (<https://doi.org/10.3892/or.2015.4165>) and the western blot bands for GAPDH in Figure 5B from Dong et al, 2016 (<https://doi.org/10.3892/or.2016.4604>).
- The cell invasion image from Figure 3B panel sh-LINC00152 appears to have been duplicated with the cell invasion image in Figure 2E panel pFER1L4

from Fei et al, 2018 (<https://doi.org/10.1159/000495554>).

- The tumor images shown in Figure 5B appear to have been duplicated with tumor images in Figure 5B from Qu et al, 2018 (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bio.2018.01.024>).

The authors responded to our queries but were unable to provide an explanation for the alleged image duplication. The authors agreed with the decision to retract the article.

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