

microRNA-493 Inhibits Tongue Squamous Cell Carcinoma Oncogenicity via Directly Targeting HMGA2 [Retraction]

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a similar image in Figure 4E from Zhao et al, 2019 (<https://doi.org/10.3892/ijmm.2019.4333>).

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- Figure 6C, panel CAL-27, miR-NC appears to have been duplicated with a similar image in Figure 4D from Zhang et al, 2019 (<https://doi.org/10.3892/ijo.2019.4765>).
- Figure 6E, panel CAL-27, miR-493 mimics +pcDNA3.1 appears to have been duplicated with

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