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- Figure 5C, panel A549 BRD4 siRNA appears to have been duplicated with a similar image in Figure 2D, panel H522 miR-802 mimics from Zhang et al, 2019 (https://doi.org/10.3892/ijo.2019.4765).
- Figure 5C panels H522 and A549; NC siRNA, BRD4 siRNA appear to have been duplicated with similar images in Figures 2D, panel pcDNA3.1; pHAND2-AS1 and 3D panels si-NC; siHAND2-AS1 from Yu et al, 2020 (https://doi.org/10.2147/OTT.S233256).
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