

MicroRNA-769-5p Inhibits Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma Progression by Directly Targeting and Downregulating ETS Proto-Oncogene 1 [Retraction]

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The Editor and Publisher of *OncoTargets and Therapy* wish to retract the published article. Concerns were raised over alleged image duplication in Figures 2C, 5C and 6C with similar images from unrelated articles, specifically:

- Figure 2C, panel Panc-1 miR-NC appears to have been duplicated with a similar image in Figure 6D from Lv et al, 2019 (<https://doi.org/10.2147/CMAR.S199818>).
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The authors did not respond to our queries and the Editor determined the findings of the study were no longer valid and advised for the article to be retracted.

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