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- Several images from Figure 5A, rows Untreated, RT and RT + Nrf2 siRNA appear to have been duplicated with similar images from Figure 2B, Wang et al (2017) Oncotarget (https://doi.org/10.18632/oncotarget.22151), Figure 6D, Wu et al (2019) SSRN Electronic Journal (doi: 10.2139/ssrn.3377520) and Figure 12B, Zhang et al (2017) Oncotarget (https://doi.org/10.18632/oncotarget.21167).

The authors were unable to explain how the images came to be duplicated in other articles, nor were they able to provide any original data for their study. The Editor agreed with their request to retract the article.

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