Correlations of Microvascular Blood Flow of Contrast-Enhanced Ultrasound and HGF/c-Met Signaling Pathway with Clinicopathological Features and Prognosis of Patients with Hepatocellular Carcinoma [Retraction]


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The authors did not respond to our queries in regard to the alleged duplication, nor did they provide original data for their study. The Editor requested to retract the article and the authors were notified of this.

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