Loss of miR-204-5p Promotes Tumor Proliferation, Migration, and Invasion Through Targeting YWHAZ/PI3K/AKT Pathway in Esophageal Squamous Cell Carcinoma [Retraction]


We, the Editors and Publisher of OncoTargets and Therapy, have retracted the following article.

Since publication, concerns have been raised about the integrity of the data in the article. This includes the duplication of images for Figure 4. Specifically,

- The western blot images for Figure 4A, YWHAZ and GAPDH, miR-inhibitor and miR-inhibitor+siCtrl, have been duplicated.

When approached for an explanation, the authors did not respond to our queries, nor did they provide original data for their study. As verifying the validity of published work is core to the integrity of the scholarly record, we are therefore retracting the article. The authors were informed of this decision.

We have been informed in our decision-making by our editorial policies and COPE guidelines.

The retracted article will remain online to maintain the scholarly record, but it will be digitally watermarked on each page as ‘Retracted’.