

## Down-Regulation of SREBP via PI3K/AKT/mTOR Pathway Inhibits the Proliferation and Invasion of Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer Cells [Retraction]

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The Editor and Publisher of *OncoTargets and Therapy* wish to retract the published article. Concerns were raised regarding the alleged duplication of several images from Figures 2, 3, 4 and 5. Specifically,

- Figure 2C, panel H1299, Sh-SREBP2 appears to have been duplicated with the same images from Figure 4B, panel H1299, Sh-SREBP1, E-Cadherin.
- Figure 3B, panel A549, P53 appears to have been duplicated with the same images from Figure 3B, panel H1299, Sh-SREBP2, PCNA.
- Figure 3B, panel A549, Sh-Control, P53 appears to have been duplicated with the same images from Figure 3B, panel H1299, Sh-SREBP1, PCNA.
- Figure 3B, panel A549, PCNA appears to have been duplicated with the same images from Figure 4B, panel A549, Sh-SREBP1, N-Cadherin.
- Figure 3B, panel A549, Sh-Control, PCNA appears to have been duplicated with the same image from Figure 4B, panel A549, Sh-SREBP2, N-Cadherin.
- Figure 3B, panel H1299, P53 appears to have been duplicated with the same images from Figure 4B, panel A549, Sh-Control, N-Cadherin.
- Figure 3B, panel H1299, Sh-Control, P53 appears to have been duplicated with the same images from Figure 4B, panel A549, N-Cadherin.
- Figure 3B, panel H1299, Sh-SREBP2, P53 appears to have been duplicated with the same images from Figure 3B, panel H1299, PCNA.
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The authors responded to our queries but were unable to provide a satisfactory explanation for the duplicated images, nor were they able to provide adequate original data that could adequately verify the findings. The Editor requested to retract the article and the authors were notified of this.

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