

# Propofol Suppresses Proliferation, Migration, Invasion and Promotes Apoptosis by Upregulating microRNA-140-5p in Gastric Cancer Cells [Retraction]

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- Figure 4B panel MKN45 Control appears to be duplicated with an image from Figure 5A panel NC and Figure 5B panel miR-152 inhibitor from Lu et al: MicroRNA-152 inhibits tumor cell growth while inducing apoptosis via the transcriptional repression of cathepsin L in gastrointestinal stromal tumor (DOI: 10.3233/CBM-170809).
- Figure 4B panel MKN45 Propofol+miR-140-5p inhibitor appears to be duplicated with an image from Figure 2E panel Migration P10 from Liu et al: Propofol Reduces Epithelial to Mesenchymal

Transition, Invasion and Migration of Gastric Cancer Cells through the MicroRNA-195-5p/Snail Axis (<https://www.medscimonit.com/abstract/index/idArt/920981>).

The authors were unable to provide a satisfactory explanation for the alleged duplication nor were they able to provide the original images for the study. The Editor has determined the findings of the study are no longer valid and requested for the article to be retracted.

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