

## Circular RNA ZNF609 Promoted Hepatocellular Carcinoma Progression by Upregulating PAP2C Expression via Sponging miR-342-3p [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 images in Figure 5C with the same images in Figure 5C from Zhu et al, 2015 ‘bFGF-Regulating MAPKs Are Involved in High Glucose-Mediated ROS Production and Delay of Vascular Endothelial Cell Migration’ (<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0144495>). Specifically,

- Figure 5C, HepG2, 0h, si-NC+NC inh appears to have been duplicated with the same image from Figure 5C, 0 h, HG+sp from Zhu et al, 2015.
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