

Down-Regulation of ZEB1 by miR-199a-3p Overexpression Restrains Tumor Stem-Like Properties and Mitochondrial Function of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer [Retraction]

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