RETRACTION

Retraction: MicroRNA-96-5p promotes proliferation, invasion and EMT of oral carcinoma cells by directly targeting FOXF2

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The journal is retracting Biology Open (2020) 9, bio049478 (doi:10.1242/bio.049478) because of concerns with the reliability of the data.

Cell images in this paper were reported to be duplicated in two other articles by a commenter on PubPeer. Our analysis found that many of the western blots and several cell images are unexpectedly very similar to those in other articles where they are presented for completely different cell lines and different experimental conditions. There is no overlap in authorship of the three papers and several other flags indicative of outsourced ‘papermill’ papers were also noted.

Owing to the scale of the issues with these data, the results presented in this article are not reliable and the journal is therefore retracting the paper.

All authors were contacted for an explanation but no responses were received.