



Retraction Note: Cancer-derived exosomal miR-221-3p promotes angiogenesis by targeting THBS2 in cervical squamous cell carcinoma

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The Editors-in-Chief have retracted this article at the authors' request. After publication, concerns were raised regarding potential image overlap within the published Figures. Specifically:

- The miRNA-NC-exo (SiHa) image in Fig. 3D appears to overlap with Fig. S3F simiRNA-NC-exo (c33a).
- In Fig. 6E, the PBS and pCMV-NC images appear to contain an overlapping area.

- At least three images in Fig. S6B appear highly similar to those in Fig. 3C, although they represent different treatments.

The authors have provided the original images from these experiments. However, they were unable to explain the high number of overlapping images. The authors therefore no longer have confidence in the presented data.

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