Expression of Concern to: Downregulation of NIN/RPN12 binding protein inhibit the growth of human hepatocellular carcinoma cells

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The Editor-in-Chief would like to alert readers that this article [1] includes a problematic cell line. After further analysis, SMMC-7721 is shown to be a HeLa derivative (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28807831>). Because of this, readers are asked to interpret the results with caution.

None of the authors have responded to any correspondence from the editor about this editorial expression of concern.

Reference

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