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The Editors have retracted this Article.

After publication, concerns were raised with respect to some of the data reported. Specifically:

- In Figure 2 the panels ii and iv of (B) and the ER $\beta$  and PCNA slides in row ii of (C) appear to contain internal duplications;
- The GAPDH loading controls in Figure 2D and Figure 6 appear to be the same.

The Authors provided original data files for all figures except Figure 6. Examination of the files for Figure 2B and 2C could not exclude that the duplications were image acquisition artefacts. However, when the original data files for Figure 1D and 2D were examined evidence of the removal of background noise and non-specific signal was apparent, in violation of the Journal's policy on digital integrity and standards.

The Editors therefore no longer have confidence in the data presented.

Na Lin and Ying Xu did not explicitly state whether they agree to this retraction notice. None of the other co-authors responded to the correspondence about this retraction.



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