

Long Noncoding RNA NEAT1 Promotes Cell Proliferation and Invasion and Suppresses Apoptosis in Hepatocellular Carcinoma by Regulating miRNA-22-3p/akt2 in vitro and in vivo [Retraction]

Zhou X, Wang X, Zhou Y, Cheng L, Zhang Y, Zhang Y. *Onco Targets Ther.* 2019;12:8991–9004.

We, the Editor and Publisher of the journal *OncoTargets and Therapy*, have retracted the following article.

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We have been informed in our decision-making by our editorial policies and COPE guidelines.

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