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Retraction Statement

The article “Activator Protein-2 β Promotes Tumor Growth and Predicts Poor Prognosis in Breast Cancer” [Cell Physiol Biochem. 2018;47(5):1925-1935; <https://doi.org/10.1159/000491463>] by Zhenglin Li, Xiangdong Xu, Meihua Luo, Jiaojiao Hao, Shilei Zhao, Wendan Yu, Xiangsheng Xiao, Jiali Wu, Fufu Zheng, Miao Chen, Yizhuo Li, Ge Qin, Yina Liao, Xinrui Zhao, Xinfa Yu, Wei Guo, Lijuan Zou and Wuguo Deng has been retracted by the current and former Publishers and the Editor.

After the publication of this article, concerns were raised about the integrity of some of the data presented. Specifically, partial overlap was identified in Figure 3E between the images representing the MDA-MB-231 shControl and the MDA-MB-231 shAP-2 β groups. When asked to comment on the above, the authors stated that the error was due to saving an image of group shAP-2 β in the incorrect folder. Authors provided the original data for review. Review of the original data identified that the experiments depicted in Figures 1A, 3A, 3F,3G and 3H were carried out once and were not repeated three times as is described in the accompanying Figure legends.

As the experiments were not carried out as described in the article, which may undermine the reliability of the results, the article has been retracted.

The authors did not respond to state their agreement or disagreement with the retraction within the timeframe specified.

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