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Retraction Note: OCT4 as a target of miR-34a stimulates p63 but inhibits p53 to promote human cell transformation

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The Editors-in-Chief have retracted this article because concerns have been raised about the reliability of the presented data. An investigation by the US Office of Research Integrity has concluded that western blot images for total protein expression in human cell lines subject to gene depletion and/or overexpression were produced by reusing immunoblot bands and relabeling them to represent different experiments in seven figure panels in five papers and one grant application. In this article, this affects Fig. 5B, representing p53 and p63 levels in human lung epithelial cells with or without gene depletion.

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