

DNA methylation-associated inactivation of TGF β -related genes, DRM/Gremlin, RUNX3, and HPP1 in human cancers

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An Internal Review Committee at UT Southwestern Medical Center found evidence of improper manipulation and replication of figures in this paper. A subsequent review by Dr Gazdar and his staff has independently confirmed the Committee's findings.

In this paper, the GAPDH loading controls, specifically Figures 1A and B (p. 1030), appear to be identical to Figures 1A and B published in a subsequent paper (Suzuki *et al*, 2007). The authors have therefore recommended the retraction of the manuscript to the Editor-in-Chief of *British Journal of Cancer*.

Dr Suzuki, Dr Gazdar and their co-authors sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused the readers of the *British Journal of Cancer*.

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