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## Retraction

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The article “RNA-Seq Analyses of the Role of miR-21 in Acute Pancreatitis” [Cell Physiol Biochem. 2018;51:2198-2211; <https://doi.org/10.1159/000495866>] by Xun Li, Zhanwen Lin, Lei Wang, Qin Liu, Zhi Cao, Zhujuan Huang, Mingtian Zhong, Shuxian Peng, Yingheng Zhang, Yong Li and Xiaodong Ma has been retracted by the current and former Publishers and the Editor on behalf of the authors.

After the publication of this article, concerns were raised about image duplication between this article and two articles by an overlapping author group [1, 2]. Specifically, in this article:

Figure 1C Saline WT and KO images are presented in Figure 4C of [1] labelled as PBS and Control-anti-miR, respectively.

Figure 4A Saline Bactin image is presented in [2] Figure 6G as Stat3.

Figure 6A Saline Hmgb1 image is presented in [2] Figure 6G as Bactin.

When asked to comment on the above the authors stated that this occurred due to error in figure assembly and image misuse during manuscript preparation and that the original data is not available for review and requested retraction of the article. As the concerns raised about the figures can not be addressed, the article has been retracted.

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