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Retraction Note: Combination of sorafenib and gadolinium chloride (GdCl₃) attenuates dimethylnitrosamine(DMN)-induced liver fibrosis in rats

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The Editor has retracted this article. After publication, concerns were raised regarding western blot image similarities between Fig. 3C in this article and Fig. 3B in another article with one shared author [1] that was under consideration within a close time frame.

Additionally, Figs. 2 and 4 appear to have breaks in the western blot backgrounds. The authors have confirmed that some of the images were composed from different experiments.

The authors have been unable to provide the original blots from the experiments reported in this article. The Editor therefore no longer has confidence in the presented data.

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