

## *Retraction*

# **Effect of sorafenib and simvastatin treatment on apoptosis of HepG2 cells and on the relevant proteins of the hippo signaling pathway [Retraction]**

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The article published in the *International Journal of Clinical and Experimental Medicine* should be retracted as a result of: (1) Dr. Fang Zou published this article without permission. (2) the email address of the corresponding author was fabricated, without the knowledge of the publisher. (3) all authors listed in this article including; Fang Zou (fangpupil@163.com, 0539-8097330), Lili Jiang (123172432@qq.com, 13-589697280), Honglong Wei (weihl2012@126.com, 15153143314), Chenchen Dong (13-355072177, 452664556@qq.com), Xin Wang (15154101886, wangxinmcsdu@126.com), Jie Li (jeleey5@163.com, +86-0531-89268689/+86-13791120825), consent that this paper

should be retracted. (4) Dr. Zou revealed that most results shown in this paper were provided by a third-party company. However, the reproducibility was challenged. Part of the results cannot be replicated and the company cannot provide the related raw materials or data. (5) This paper contains fraudulent data in Figure 6: the bands of the anti-Mstl were totally identical to the bands of anti- $\beta$ -actin; the bands of anti-YAP in lanes No.1 and No.2 were the same with the bands of anti-p-Mstl in lanes No.1 and No.2. (6) Dr. Zou admitted the faked data in Figure 6 and the publisher knew nothing about any of this.

In order to ensure academic rigor, this paper is withdrawn; sincerest apologies for any inconvenience caused.