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### Expression of Concern

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For the article 'Long Noncoding RNA CIR Promotes Chondrocyte Extracellular Matrix Degradation in Osteoarthritis by Acting as a Sponge For Mir-27b' [Cell Physiol Biochem 2017;43:602-610. DOI: 10.1159/000480532] by Yu-Fei Li, Shu-Hua Li, Yong Liu and Ya-Tong Luo an Expression of Concern is being issued by the current and former Publishers and the Editor.

Following publication, concerns were raised about image duplication between Figure 1D MMP13 and Figure 2C PD-L1 Western Blots of a later published article by another author group [1]. When asked to comment, the corresponding author stated that this article was published first but stated that the raw data has been lost owing to laboratory relocation. This Expression of Concern is to inform readers that the data underlying this article are unavailable.

[1] Xie WB, Liang LH, Wu KG, Wang LX, He X, Song C, Wang YQ, Li YH. MiR-140 Expression Regulates Cell Proliferation and Targets PD-L1 in NSCLC. Cell Physiol Biochem. 2018;46(2):654-663. doi: 10.1159/000488634.