

Retraction

The article “HuangQi Decoction Ameliorates Renal Fibrosis via TGF- β /Smad Signaling Pathway In Vivo and In Vitro” [Abbreviated Journal name. Cell Physiol Biochem 2016;38:1761-1774; <https://doi.org/10.1159/000443115>] by Jie Zhao, Li Wang, Ai-li Cao, Ming-Qian Jiang, Xia Chen, Yi Wang, Yun-man Wang, Hao Wang, Xue-Mei Zhang and Wen Peng has been retracted by the current and former Publishers and the Editor.

After the publication of this article, concerns were raised about the integrity of some of the data presented. Specifically:

- Figure 1Ad partially overlaps with the image in Figure 1Ae.
- Figure 2A GAPDH is also present as Figure 9A GAPDH, with 180-degree rotation.
- Figure 5A Collagen III is also present as Figure 7A T β RI.

When asked to comment on the above, the authors stated that the errors were due image selection in the figure assembly process and image labelling errors. Given the severity of the concerns and their implication for the associated statistical analysis, which were not resolved by the author's response, the article is being retracted.

The authors did not respond to correspondence about this retraction within the time-frame specified.

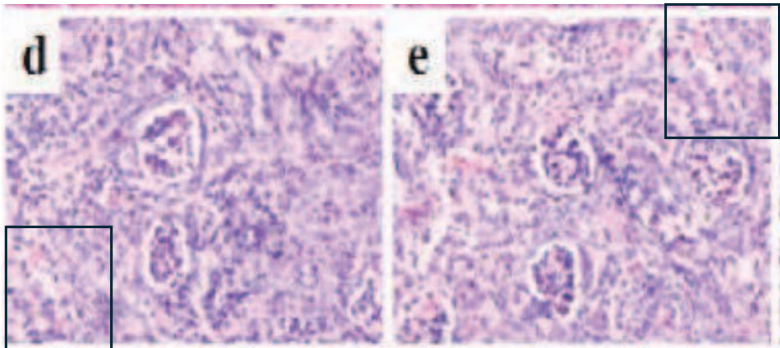


Figure 2A

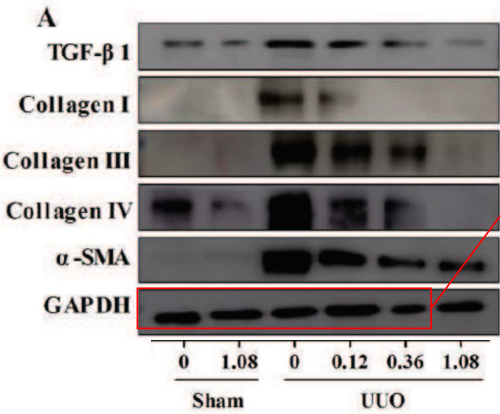


Figure 9A rotated 180 degrees

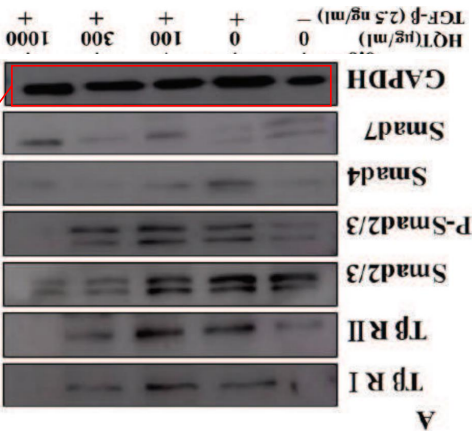


Figure 5A

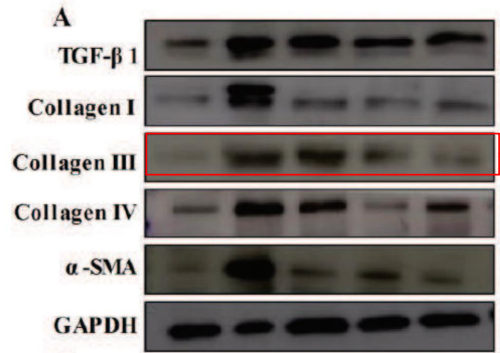


Figure 7A

