DNA methylation-associated inactivation of TGFβ-related genes, DRM/Gremlin, RUNX3, and HPP1 in human cancers

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In this paper, the GAPDH loading controls, specifically Figures 1A and B (p. 1030), appear to be identical to Figures 1A and B published in a subsequent paper (Suzuki et al., 2007). The authors have therefore recommended the retraction of the manuscript to the Editor-in-Chief of British Journal of Cancer.

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