

Retraction

RETRACTED: Awan et al. The Enhanced Cytotoxic and Pro-Apoptotic Effects of Optimized Simvastatin-Loaded Emulsomes on MCF-7 Breast Cancer Cells. *Pharmaceutics* 2020, 12, 597

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The journal retracts the article, “The Enhanced Cytotoxic and Pro-Apoptotic Effects of Optimized Simvastatin-Loaded Emulsomes on MCF-7 Breast Cancer Cells” [1], cited above. Following publication, concerns were brought to the attention of the publisher regarding a range of image issues.

Adhering to our complaint’s procedure, an investigation was conducted by the Editorial Office and the Editorial Board that confirmed the presence of Figure 4 in two prior publications [2,3]. Furthermore, Figure 8 (panel B) was also confirmed to be similar to some images from other publications [4–9], and Figure 7A,B is similar to the images from another paper [7].

While the authors fully cooperated with the Editorial Office during the investigation, they were unable to satisfactorily explain the similarity of the figures presenting different experimental conditions, nor meet the required quality standards of raw images in order to consider a correction, as per the journals original image requirements policy (<https://www.mdpi.com/journal/pharmaceutics/instructions#oriimages>). As a result, the Editorial

Board and EIC were unable to confirm the reliability of the findings and subsequently decided to retract this paper.

This retraction was approved by the Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Pharmaceutics*.

The authors did not agree to this retraction.

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