

Aberrant methylation of *SPARC* in human lung cancers

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An Internal Review Committee at UT Southwestern Medical Center found evidence of improper replication of figures in this paper. A subsequent review by Dr Gazdar and his staff has independently confirmed the Committee's findings. In this paper,

the GAPDH loading controls, specifically lanes 4–12 of Figure 1A and C (p 944), appear to be identical. The authors have therefore recommended the retraction of the manuscript to the Editor-in-Chief of *British Journal of Cancer*.

Dr Suzuki, Dr Gazdar and their co-authors sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused the readers of the *British Journal of Cancer*.