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Functional characterization of the nitrogen permease regulator-like-2 candidate tumor suppressor gene in colorectal cancer cell lines

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Following the publication of this paper, it was drawn to the Editor's attention by a concerned reader that certain of the microscopic images shown in Fig. 1C on p. 3489 and the invasion assay images shown in Fig. 5 on p. 3491 were strikingly similar to data appearing in different form in other articles written by different authors at different research institutes. Moreover, unexpected similarities were identified comparing between a pair of the flow cytometric assay data panels in Fig. 4 on p. 3490, considering that these data were intended to show the results from differently performed experiments.

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