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**Anticancer activity of 23,24-dihydrocucurbitacin B against the HeLa human cervical cell line is due to apoptosis and G2/M cell cycle arrest**

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Following the publication of the above paper, a concerned reader drew to the Editor's attention that several figures contained data that bore striking similarities to data published in other papers; notably, the flow cytometric data shown in Fig. 4A appeared to be identical with data published in the original (and now archived) version of another paper published around the same time, although by different authors from different research institutions [Lin J, Zhao Y, Shi Z and Bai Y: Antitumor effects of helenalin in doxorubicin-resistant leukemia. *JBUON* 24: 2068-2074, 2019].

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