EXPRESSION OF CONCERN

DOI: 10.3892/ijo.2026.5956

Inhibition of the p38 MAPK pathway sensitises human colon cancer cells to 5-fluorouracil treatment

SHI YU YANG, ANUR MIAH, KEVIN M. SALES, BARRY FULLER, ALEXANDER M. SEIFALIAN and MARC WINSLET

Int J Oncol 38: 1695-1702, 2011; DOI: 10.3892/ijo.2011.982

Following the publication of the above paper, it was drawn to the Editor's attention by a concerned reader that the p38 blots shown in the western blots in Fig. 2C on p. 1698 were strikingly similar to the data shown for the β-actin blots in Fig. 2A and C after vertical resizing. After analyzing the data in this paper independently in the Editorial Office, it also came to light that the four sets of β-actin blots featured in Figs. 2 and 3 were apparently the same (even though the experimental conditions may have been the same in these figure parts); in addition, the control blots in Fig. 2A and C were apparently the same as certain of the blots shown in Fig. 6A and 7A (and in this case, the experimental conditions, according to the labelling of the figures, were reported to be different).

The authors have been contacted by the Editorial Office to offer an explanation for the apparent incorrect assembly of data in Figs. 2 and 3, and potentially Figs. 6 and 7, and we are awaiting their response. Owing to the fact that the Editorial Office has been made aware of potential issues surrounding the scientific integrity of this paper, we are issuing an Expression of Concern to notify readers of this potential problem while the Editorial Office continues to investigate this matter further.

Copyright © 2026 Yang et al. This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International (CC BY 4.0) License.