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Induction of p53 expression and apoptosis by a recombinant dual-target MDM2/MDMX inhibitory protein in wild-type p53 breast cancer cells

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Following the publication of the above paper, it was drawn to the Editor's attention by a concerned reader that, regarding the western blots shown in Fig. 4A on p. 1940, for the data relating to the MCF-7 cell line, the p53 protein bands in the middle and right-land lanes of the gel appeared to be strikingly similar to the data shown for the MDMX blots in the equivalent lanes of the gel in the same figure part, albeit with rotation of the bands of concern through 180˚.

The authors have been contacted by the Editorial Office to offer an explanation for the apparent incorrect assembly of these data in Fig. 4, 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 data in this paper, we are issuing an Expression of Concern to notify readers of this potential problem while the Editorial Office conitnues to investigate this matter further.

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