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Sense p16 and antisense uPAR bicistronic construct inhibits angiogenesis and induces glioma cell death

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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 endothelial cell images shown in Fig. 4A and B on p. 674, the 'Control' data panels contained an overlapping section of data, such that these data, which were intended to show the results from experiments performed in U251 and glioblastoma xenograft cells respectively, appeared to have been derived from the same original source. In addition, upon performing an independent analysis of the data in this paper in the Editorial Office, it came to light that the western blots shown in Figs. 4G and H, also intended to show experiments performed in U251 and glioblastoma xenograft cells respectively, looked unexpectedly similar, albeit with different exposure times of the blots concerned, suggesting that these figure parts may also have been assembled incorrectly.

The authors have been contacted by the Editorial Office to offer an explanation for these possible anomalies in the presentation of the data in this paper, 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 these potential problems while the Editorial Office continues to investigate this matter further.

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