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Retraction Note: Inhibition of hTERT Gene Expression by Silibinin-Loaded PLGA-PEG-Fe₃O₄ in T47D Breast Cancer Cell Line

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This paper was published in *BioImpacts* in 2013 (doi: 10.5681/bi.2013.005).¹ Based on an email received from a researcher recently, we were informed that this published paper presented some data (i.e., Fig. 3a and 3b) as same as data presented in three other published papers (i.e., doi: 10.1111/Cbdd.12318; doi: 10.2147/Ijrn.s24326; and doi: 10.1186/1477-3155-10-46),²⁻⁴ which are considered as the ethical misconduct.

This issue was brought up with and comprehensively investigated by the editorial team of *BioImpacts* through comparison of the papers and the within-data.

As a result, in accordance with the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE), the editors decided to retract this paper. The authors were informed and advised on this serious ethical breach.

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