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Subject:

Article 11: **Kerr, C., Adhikary, G., Grun, D., George, N., & Eckert, R. L. (2018). Combination cisplatin and sulforaphane treatment reduces proliferation, invasion, and tumor formation in epidermal squamous cell carcinoma. Molecular carcinogenesis, 57(1), 3-11.**

Dear Dr. Wang,

I am writing as the Interim Provost and Executive Vice President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore regarding the Subject publications.

The University of Maryland, Baltimore conducted an internal investigation which found by a preponderance of the evidence that the Subject article was compromised and the investigation committee recommended retraction in order to correct the scientific record and ensure its integrity. The University leaves the final decision to retract or correct to the discretion of the journal.

Below are the findings:

**Figure 11** was falsified by deleting one (1) cell in the 1 $\mu$ M cisplatin condition. As presented, figures 11 is fabricated in order to support the data presented in the article.

Sincerely,



Dr. Roger J. Ward, JD, MSL, MPA  
Interim Provost & Executive Vice President

Cc: Dean E. Albert Reece, Dean of the School of Medicine  
Stephan Vignes, Research Integrity Officer

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