

From: [Vigues, Stephan](#)
To: [Chen, Tony](#)
Subject: RE: Article in Molecular Carcinogenesis
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 11:49:00 PM

Dear Dr. Chen ,

Thank you for reaching out to me.

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Sincerely,

Stephan.

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Dear Dr. Vigues,

My name is Tony Chen and I am the Journal Publishing Manager for Molecular Carcinogenesis at Wiley. I just wanted to thank you for your letter (attached) and wanted to follow-up with you on a series of questions I have.

The error in this article seems to be confined to one panel of one figure. Our independent experts looked at that this and were unable to determine with certainty that this was falsification rather than honest error, so I wanted to reach out and ask if you have additional evidence that suggests that this was falsification rather than error. This will help determine what our next steps are. Thank you for your time and I hope you had a happy new year holiday!

Best Wishes,
Tony Chen, Ph.D.
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