

*Retraction***Retraction: Ma et al. Qi-dan-di-huang decoction alleviates diabetic nephropathy by inhibiting the NF-kappaB pathway. Frontiers in Bioscience (Landmark Edition). 2019; 24: 1477–1486**

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The article entitled “Qi-dan-di-huang decoction alleviates diabetic nephropathy by inhibiting the NF-kappaB pathway” [1] has been retracted by the journal.

Following publication, concerns were brought to the attention of the Editorial Office regarding the integrity of the images presented in the article. An investigation conducted by the Editorial Office found that certain panels in Fig. 3 duplicated images in Fig. 8(a) and 8(d) of another previously published article [2], although the affected images were presented as representing different experimental conditions.

Although the authors cooperated with the investigation and provided the requested materials, the Editor-in-Chief determined that the concerns could not be satisfactorily resolved. As a result, the Editor-in-Chief has lost confidence in the reliability of the images and data and has retracted this publication, in accordance with FBL’s retraction policy and the COPE Retraction Guidelines.

The authors have been informed of this retraction and have indicated their disagreement with the decision.

References

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