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Retraction: High expression of long noncoding RNA HOTAIRM1 is associated with the proliferation and migration in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma

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A retraction of the Original Research Article

High expression of long noncoding RNA HOTAIRM1 is associated with the proliferation and migration in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma

by Luo Y, He Y, Ye X, Song J, Wang Q, Li Y and Xie X (2019). Pathol. Oncol. Res. 25:1567–1577. doi: 10.1007/s12253-018-00570-4

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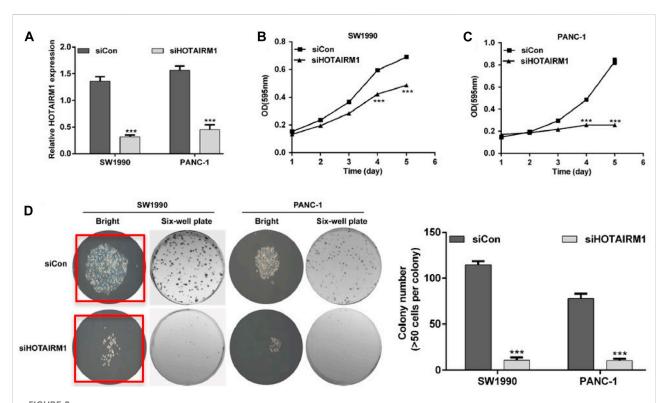


FIGURE 2
HOTAIRM I knockdown attenuates cell proliferation in PDAC cells. (A) Knockdown efficiency of HOTAIRMI confirmed by teal-time PCR in SW 1990 and PANC-1 cell lines. (B) The fold change of cell growth rate in SW199 cells transfected with siCon or siHOTAIRMI for 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 days detected by MTT assay. (C) The fold change of cell growth rate in PANC -1 cells transfected with siCon or siHOTAIRMI for 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 days detected by MTT assay. (D) HOTAIRM 1 knockdown reduces the colony number in SW 1990 and PANC-I cells detected by colony formation assay. ***p < 0.001.