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Retraction: Cell orientation, proliferation, and differentiation on poly(L-lactide) spherulites

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We the authors, hereby wholly retract this *RSC Advances* article due to the unattributed and misleading copying of figures, and a lack of reproducibility in some of the published data, which significantly undermines the published conclusions.

The following figures have been copied from published papers; Fig. 1a is from Fig. 7a in ref. 1, Fig. 1b is from Fig. 9 in ref. 2, and Fig. 7a and b are from Fig. 3 in ref. 3.

Further to this, the authors have established that the data in Fig. 4, 5 and 6 cannot be reproduced and therefore should not be relied upon. As a result, the conclusions relating to adhesion and cell proliferation are no longer supported.

The authors would like to apologise for any consequent inconvenience to authors and readers.

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