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Retraction: The role of Sox9 in collagen hydrogel-mediated chondrogenic differentiation of adult mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs)

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The Royal Society of Chemistry, with the agreement of the named author, hereby wholly retracts this *Biomaterials Science* article due to concerns with the reliability of the data in the published article. After publication, a correction was published to address partially overlapping images in Fig. 4a. However, further concerns were raised regarding the integrity of Fig. 2a and Fig. 5a.

Repeating fragments can be observed in the MSCs-collagen panel in Fig. 5a.

In Fig. 2a, the MSCs-collagen/14 days panel partially overlaps with the MSCs-collagen/21 days panel.

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