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The Royal Society of Chemistry, with the agreement of the authors, hereby wholly retracts this *Journal of Materials Chemistry B* article due to concerns with the reliability of the data.

In the TEM data in Fig. 1b there is an unexpected repeating pattern.

In Fig. 5a the 5 panels for hMSc control to 5 mg mL^{−1} are identical to the panels for 24 h control, 0.6 mg mL^{−1} to 5 mg mL^{−1} of sample 1 in Fig. 5 of ref. 1.

In Fig. 6a the 4 panels for hMSc control to 2.5 mg mL^{−1} are identical to the panels for 24 h control, 0.6 mg mL^{−1} to 2.5 mg mL^{−1} of sample 1 in Fig. 6 of ref. 1.

In Fig. 6a the panel for MCF-7 control has partial overlap with the panel for MCF-7 5 mg mL^{−1}.

Given the significance of these concerns, the findings presented in this paper are no longer reliable.

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