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Retraction

RETRACTED: Shafiq et al. Development and Optimization of Tamarind Gum-β-Cyclodextrin-g-Poly(Methacrylate) pH-Responsive Hydrogels for Sustained Delivery of Acyclovir. *Pharmaceuticals* 2022, *15*, 1527

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The journal retracts the article titled "Development and Optimization of Tamarind Gum-β-Cyclodextrin-g-Poly(Methacrylate) pH-Responsive Hydrogels for Sustained Delivery of Acyclovir" [1], cited above. Following publication, concerns were brought to the attention of the Editorial Office regarding the integrity of images presented in this publication [1].

In accordance with the journal's standard procedures, the Editorial Office and Editorial Board conducted an investigation that identified inappropriate image editing in Figures 1, 2, 5, 9 and 14, as well as apparent duplication between Figures 6 of this article and Figure 2 of an earlier publication [2], presenting different experimental conditions. The two articles share common authors.

Although the authors cooperated during the investigation, the explanations and supporting materials provided were not deemed sufficient by the Editorial Board to resolve the identified concerns. Consequently, the Editorial Board has lost confidence in the reliability of the findings and has decided to retract this publication in accordance with MDPI's retraction policy.

This retraction was approved by the Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Pharmaceuticals*.

The authors have been informed of this retraction. Y.B., M.S. and. A.M. have indicated their disagreement with this decision. The rest of the authors did not provide a comment on this decision.

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