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# Expression of Concern to: The role of ACE2, angiotensin-(1–7) and Mas1 receptor axis in glucocorticoid-induced intrauterine growth restriction



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The Editors-in-Chief are issuing an Expression of Concern for this article [1]. After publication concerns were raised with respect to the specificity and validity of the placental Ang-(1–7) levels assessed by Western blotting and reported in Fig. 4 because Ang-(1–7), which is less than 1 kDa, was detected as a 34 kDa protein. All authors disagree with this Expression of Concern.

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