Non-esterified fatty acids and human lymphocyte death: a mechanism that involves calcium release and oxidative stress

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Figure 7C of the above published article contains a blot labeled as showing Bid immunoreactivity in the middle lane that is substantially similar to the 24 h fasting blot (also middle lane) from Fig. 5B in Juliana PIRES, Rui CURI and Rosemari OTTON Induction of apoptosis in rat lymphocytes by starvation. *Clinical Science* (2007) 112, 59–67 (doi:10.1042/CS20060212), where it is labeled as Bax immunostaining.

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