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To  
Dr. Pradeep Kumar (Editor-in-chief)  
Journal of Advanced Laboratory Research in Biology (ISSN: 0976-7614).

**Subject: Regarding request for retraction of research article published in Journal of Advanced Laboratory Research in Biology, July 2014, volume V, issue III.**

Dear Sir,

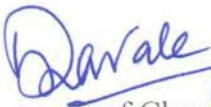
This is regarding the research article "Reduction mechanism of nanoparticles using leaf extract of *Cassia fistula*" published in Journal of Advanced Laboratory Research in Biology in July 2014, volume V, issue III by authors named Shraddha Ladke and Sharda Kosankar from National Environment Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur 440020.

I have objection regarding publication of above article and I request you to retract this article from the Journal of Advanced Laboratory Research in Biology due to following reason.

The first author of the above research article Ms. Shraddha Ladke has completed M.Sc. in Biochemistry during the period 2011-2013 at the Department of Chemistry, Savitribai Phule Pune University. As a part of her project training she worked under the guidance of Dr. Suvidya Ranade (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, SPPU) during the period January -April 2013 on the topic "To study the properties of metal nanoparticle and mechanism of reduction of metal ions using plant leaf extract" (title of dissertation) and has submitted the copy of dissertation to the Department of Chemistry, Savitribai Phule Pune university. Ms. Shraddha after completing her M.Sc. joined NEERI, Nagpur under Dr. Sharda Kosankar as project assistant. Dr. Sharda Kosankar from NEERI as corresponding author has submitted a paper in your journal where Shraddha Ladke is the first author. The authors have used all the data including photographs and graphs etc from the dissertation of Ms Shraddha without permission of Dr. S. Ranade, SPPU.

I request you to retract the paper and inform the corresponding author accordingly. You may also announce the withdrawal of the paper on journal website.

Sincerely

  
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