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Retraction: Typical and interstratified arrangements in Zn/Al layered double hydroxides: an experimental and theoretical approach

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Retraction of 'Typical and interstratified arrangements in Zn/Al layered double hydroxides: an experimental and theoretical approach' by Priyadarshi Roy Chowdhury and Krishna G. Bhattacharyya, *CrystEngComm*, 2017, DOI: 10.1039/c7ce00216e.

The Royal Society of Chemistry hereby wholly retracts this *CrystEngComm* article following a misconduct investigation carried out by Gauhati University.

Content from the first submitted version of a paper published in *Dalton Transactions* by Ghiyasi and Rezvani¹ was taken during the peer review process and subsequently published in this *CrystEngComm* paper. It has been confirmed that one of the *CrystEngComm* authors had access to the *Dalton Transactions* submission during the peer review process.

Fig. 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12 in the *CrystEngComm* paper duplicate figures from the first submitted version of the *Dalton Transactions* manuscript. In addition, there is a significant amount of similarity between the text in section 4 of the *CrystEngComm* paper and the first submitted version of the *Dalton Transactions* paper.

In their misconduct report, Gauhati University informed us that "the committee compared the *CrystEngComm* paper of Roy Chowdhury and Bhattacharyya with the first submitted version of the *Dalton Transactions* paper of Ghiyasi and Rezvani thoroughly and it is fully convinced about the striking similarities between the two papers. The Committee feels that the authors had copied the style and content of the *Dalton Transactions* paper while preparing their manuscript". The committee concluded that "several of the copied diagrams have been manipulated by Roy Chowdhury and Bhattacharyya to prepare several of the figures of their *CrystEngComm* paper".

The authors of ref. 1 made some subsequent revisions to their paper before publication. Therefore, the direct similarity is between the unpublished first version of the *Dalton Transactions* paper and the *CrystEngComm* paper.

Priyadarshi Roy Chowdhury and Krishna G. Bhattacharyya were informed about the retraction of the article but did not respond.

Signed: Andrew Shore, Executive Editor, *CrystEngComm*

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