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There are repeating fragments in the 282–291 eV region of the XPS spectrum in Fig. 3F. Part of the SEM image in Fig. 4E, representing SiO_2@Fe_3O_4@MnO_2, is duplicated in the SEM image in Fig. 5A which represents a different material, Fe_3O_4@MnO_2 BBHs. An independent expert was consulted who was not satisfied with the replacement data and explanation provided by the authors.

Given the significance of the concerns about the validity of the original and replacement data, the findings presented in this paper are no longer reliable.

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