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## Retraction: Synthesis and application of monodisperse hydrophobic magnetite nanoparticles as an oil spill collector using an ionic liquid

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Retraction of 'Synthesis and application of monodisperse hydrophobic magnetite nanoparticles as an oil spill collector using an ionic liquid' by Ayman M. Atta *et al.*, *RSC Adv.*, 2017, 7, 16524–16530, <https://doi.org/10.1039/C7RA02426F>.

The Royal Society of Chemistry, with the agreement of the authors, hereby wholly retracts this *RSC Advances* article due to concerns with the reliability of the data.

The TEM data in Fig. 4 has multiple repeating sections. The authors were not able to provide the original raw data nor satisfactorily explain the concerns.

Given the significance of these concerns, the findings presented in this paper are no longer reliable.

The authors were informed of the decision to retract this article. Ayman M. Atta has not agreed with the decision and the other authors have not responded.

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