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In the original manuscript, the authors regret a misinterpretation in the results of the excitation energies calculated *via* the two double hybrid spin-component-scaled functionals DSD-BLYP and DSD-PBEP86 using ORCA version 4.2.0.

The authors originally stated that the excitation energies calculated *via* these two functionals are spin-component-scaled. The CIS(D) correction was computed for the DSD-BLYP and DSD-PBEP86 functionals for all dyes, resulting in excitation energies of double-hybrid quality. However, the spin-component scaling (SCS) and spin-opposite scaling (SOS) techniques were not applied to the CIS(D) correction.

The authors would like to indicate that the application of the SCS/SOS techniques to excited states has only been possible in ORCA version 5.0 and later, following the developments published by Casanova-Páez and Goerigk in July 2021.¹ In ORCA 4.2 and earlier versions, spin-scaling in the DSD-BLYP and DSD-PBEP86 density functionals has been limited to ground-state calculations only.

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An independent expert has considered and approved the corrected information.

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