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Retraction: Artificial amidase with modifiable active sites and designable substrate selectivity for aryl amide hydrolysis

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The authors hereby wholly retract this *Chemical Communications* article due to concerns with the reliability of the data and similarity to another article published by the authors.

A number of the NMR spectra in the Supplementary Information file were the wrong files (S24, S30, S31, S32, S34, S48, S49). In addition, a number of these published spectra were manipulated with peaks suppressed (S24, S30, S32, S32, S34, S49).

The authors' internal review indicated that incorrect spectra from impure fractions were mistakenly included in the Supplementary Information for some compounds, and that these spectral data were inappropriately processed to suppress impurity peaks. Corrected spectra were subsequently provided during the investigation.

In addition, there is a high degree of similarity between this work and another published by the authors.¹ While they were under peer review at the same time, ref. 1 was submitted first, and the authors failed to disclose this at the time of submission.

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