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Retraction: Synthesis of novel pyrazole incorporating a coumarin moiety (PC) for selective and sensitive Co^{2+} detection

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The co-authors were not aware of, did not participate in, and did not authorise any irregularities in the peer review process. The reviewer's recommendation and subsequent actions were managed solely by the last corresponding author.

All co-authors were informed of the decision to retract this article. Tamer S. Saleh acknowledged this decision, Mohammed Rahman did not agree with the decision and the other co-authors did not respond to any correspondence.

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