



RETRACTED ARTICLE: Synthesis and characterization of CuO nanoparticles and evaluation of their bactericidal and fungicidal activities in cotton fabrics

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The authors Devarajan Alagarasan, A. Harikrishnan, M. Surendiran, Karuppusamy Indira disagree with this retraction. The authors Amany Salah Khalifa and Basem H. Elesawy have not responded to correspondence regarding this

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