

## Statement of Retraction

The following article has been retracted from publication in the journal *Desalination and Water Treatment*: Preparation of carbon spheres/lignin materials and adsorption of toxic metal ions from straw pulping process by Nannan Zhang, Jie Pan, Fulong Cheng published in vol. 237 (2021) 214–225, doi: 10.5004/dwt.2021.27736.

It was brought to our attention by the authors that there is a large conflict of interest between Chongqing Three Gorges University and Harbin Normal University, therefore they want to withdraw their article.

We note that we received, peer-reviewed, accepted, and published the article in good faith based on these warranties. The retracted article will remain online to maintain the scholarly record, but it will be digitally watermarked on each page as RETRACTED.