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The *Water* Editorial Office retracts the article “Exploring Groundwater Quality Assessment: A Geostatistical and Integrated Water Quality Indices Perspective” [1], cited above.

Following publication, concerns were brought to the attention of the Editorial Office regarding an overlap between this article [1] and a previously published article [2] originating from a different authorship group.

Adhering to our complaint’s procedure, an investigation was conducted by the Editorial Office and Editorial Board that confirmed a significant overlap, which included Figures 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 and Tables 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, without appropriate citations. As a result, the Editorial Office, Editorial Board, Guest Editor and authors have decided to retract this article [1] as per MDPI’s retraction policy (https://www.mdpi.com/ethics#_bookmark30, accessed on 13 April 2024) and in line with the Committee on Publication Ethics retraction guidelines (<https://publicationethics.org/retraction-guidelines>, 13 April 2024).

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