

Note from the Editor-in-Chief

It has come to our attention that the following three papers by Ali Nazari and Riahi Shadi, published in this journal, the International Journal of Material Research (IJMR), have been duplicated, partly or largely, in other papers published by A. Nazari et al. in other journals:

1. Nazari, Ali, and Shadi Riahi. "Physical and mechanical behavior of high strength self-compacting concrete containing ZrO₂ nanoparticles." International Journal of Materials Research 102 (2011): 560-571.
2. Nazari, Ali, and Shadi Riahi. "Optimization of ZnO₂ nanoparticle content in binary blended concrete to enhance high strength concrete." International Journal of Materials Research 102 (2011): 457-463.
3. Nazari, Ali, and Shadi Riahi. "The effects of curing medium on the flexural strength and water permeability of cementitious composites containing Fe₂O₃ nanofillers." International Journal of Materials Research 102 (2011): 1312-1317.

These papers published in IJMR have significant overlap in terms of identical content and wording with papers published by Ali Nazari et al. in other journals; strikingly the same micrographs and numerical data were used in different papers, albeit discussing different materials (additives).

Examples of such papers published in other journals include (and thus are not limited to):

Journal of Composite Materials 45(8) (2010) 923–930;

Materials Research 14(2) (2011) 178-188;

Energy and Buildings 43 (2011) 864–872.

It appears that Ali Nazari et al. have followed a scheme of duplication and falsification. Already more than 27 papers published by Ali Nazari et al. have been retracted by various journals (e.g. see <https://retractionwatch.com/2019/09/13/a-publisher-just-retracted-22-articles-and-the-whistleblower-is-just-getting-started/>). We sincerely regret that now the above three papers published in IJMR in 2011 have to be added to this list.

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