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SUBJECT: Request of Retraction of Plagiarized Papers

Reference the request of retraction of articles STD 95 and 185 the following points are submitted for your information. The Journal of *Science, Technology and Development* (ISSN 0254-6418; eISSN 2414-8571) is HEC recognized, open access, peer-reviewed scientific journal.

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- iv. Regarding article STD 185; the article was submitted on December 02, 2015 to this journal through online system and was processed after checking similarity with the help of Turnitin. The corresponding author of the article, Mr. Fahim Ullah requested through an email dated October 05, 2017 for withdrawal of the paper published in this journal mentioning that the same title paper is also published in the Journal of Pak. J. Food Sci., 25(3), 2015: 125-136. The editorial office has asked the author to provide details for this duplicate publication, and after completion of the investigation and response of author, a decision has been made by the editorial office to retract this article as per journal policy.
- v. Regarding article STD 95; a complaint was received from Mr. Safiullah through email dated August 14, 2017 against Mr. Fahim Ullah, Lubna Hassan, Mansoor Khan Khattak and Kamran Hasrat for publishing his research data without his knowledge. Not

only this, Mr. FahimUllah has submitted a permission certificate from the complainant with complainant's signatures which has been claimed as fake by Mr. Safiullah. A thorough investigation has been made in this regard and all relevant documents have been collected. As the group of authors is found guilty, their article is requested to be retracted.

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