RETRACTION

‘Carbon impact on surface morphology and electrical properties of Cu-TiC thin film’ (Avishek Roy et al 2020 Mater. Res. Express 7 036406)

This article has been retracted by IOP Publishing following an allegation that one of the figures in the work is incorrect.

IOP Publishing has investigated in line with the COPE guidelines, and agree figures 6(e) and (f) show the same crystallites at different magnifications, despite the caption of the figure stating that they are different samples and both images use the same size of scale bar.

The authors were contacted for an explanation, which was provided. This has been assessed by an independent subject expert as well as the IOP Publishing Research Integrity team, all of whom agree the explanation is unsatisfactory. As such IOP Publishing is retracting this work.

The evidence gathered by IOP Publishing to date, combined with unsatisfactory author response, considerably reduces confidence in the work to the extent that IOP Publishing has made the decision to retract the work.

IOP Publishing wishes to credit an anonymous whistleblower for bringing the issue to our attention. The authors disagree with this retraction.