Retraction notice regarding several articles published in the *Journal of Intelligent & Fuzzy Systems*

**Abstract.** The Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Intelligent & Fuzzy Systems* retract a total of 49 articles from the journal’s online catalogue. The articles were published in different issues of the journal in the period July 2019 – April 2021. After publication it was found that these articles cite literature sources that have no relation to the subject matter of the citing article. This could be the result of a deliberate attempt to engineer the citation performance of the scientific literature. All authors were asked to provide insight into the reasoning for citing unrelated articles but were either unresponsive or unable to provide a reasonable explanation for having done so. It was decided to remove these articles from the published literature completely. This retraction is carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE).

1. Affected articles

This retraction notice is applicable to the following articles. The original online articles have been updated with a watermark of “RETRACTED” inserted on every page.


