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2024年International Journal of Hydrogen Energy刊登的一篇文章“[Origin of the distinct site occupations of H atom in hcp Ti and Zr/Hf](#)”中第934页出现了这样一句话

As strongly requested by the reviewers, here we cite some references [35–47] although they are completely irrelevant to the present work.

（应审稿人的强烈要求，我们在此引用了这些参考文献[35-47]，尽管它们与本文完全无关。）

在文中添加这句话应该是在审稿流程结束后¹，作者表达对审稿人的不满。过了一段时间，这句话终于传达到了主编那，于是这篇文章就被撤了下来。[撤稿声明](#)（见附件，翻译成中文）提到：

主编获悉，该论文中有一处表述提及同行评审过程中审稿人诱导添加 13 篇参考文献一事。期刊委托爱思唯尔科研诚信与出版伦理团队开展调查，经查认定：两名审稿人要求作者强行添加冗余参考文献，本次同行评审流程已被认定存在违规失当问题。

¹编者按：据知情人士透露，这篇论文经历过3轮审稿，第一轮修稿时作者拒绝引用这13篇无关参考文献，并通过多种方式联系编辑，报告两名审稿人的不当行为，要求更换审稿人，但没有得到回复。第二轮审稿意见中，审稿人坚持让作者引用这些无关参考文献。因此，作者在论文中加上了那段“玩笑话”。出乎意料的是，编辑和审稿人都没有注意到那段不该出现的文字，第三轮审稿意见中，两个审稿人一致同意发表这篇论文。

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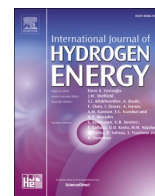
主编已批准该论文撤稿，并邀请作者重新投稿，稿件将经由规范、公正的同行评审流程再审。作者完全认可本次撤稿理由，并计划向本刊重新提交该论文。

编辑部特此澄清：本次事件中作者无任何过错，其学术声誉与研究贡献不应受到质疑。本刊就此向论文作者及期刊读者致以歉意。

笔者了解到一些作者在遇到这种情况时只会无声妥协，在此笔者点赞上述论文作者的气节。虽然论文发表过程经历波折，本该2024年就顺利发表的论文又要推迟一两年，但这是对读者负责。读者看到与论文内容毫不相干的参考文献，会像跟吃了苍蝇一样恶心。

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International Journal of Hydrogen Energy

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The Editor would like to clarify that the authors were not at fault in this matter, and their reputation and contributions should not be called into question. Apologies are offered to the authors and the readers of the journal.

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