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A novel synthesis, analysis and evaluation of *Musa coccinea* based zero valent iron nanoparticles for antimicrobial and antioxidant



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According to the statement on the article [1], the study was conducted by Tan Phat Chau (the first author) with Van Lang University in Viet Nam, and was supervised by Kathirvel Brindhadevi in India, as well as Surachai Pikulkaew in Thailand. Other authors from United

States, Saudi Arabia, and Thailand got involved in the study. This authorship pattern is also unusual and questionable.

The 5GH team is urging the publisher to open an investigation on this matter.

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