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This article has been retracted by the Editors-in-Chief. After a thorough investigation carried out by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Agriculture, Pakistan, it was found that one of the co-authors, Mr. Waseem Hassan, plagiarized sections of this article from Mr. Idrees Haider’s masters’ thesis that was published in 2009 at PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Pakistan. A comment regarding this situation was also published by the editors-in-chief to alert readers in May 2014 in the Journals of Soils and Sediments (Volume 14, Issue 5, pp. 1021–1021).

Given the uncertainty regarding the origin of the data, its analysis and research methodology, the **Journal of Soils and Sediments** article in question is being retracted.

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