

Retraction notice: Optimization design of titanium alloy connecting rod based on structural topology optimization

The publisher of the *Journal of Engineering, Design and Technology* wishes to retract the following article by Bin Zheng, Yi Cai, and Kelun Tang (2021), "Optimization design of titanium alloy connecting rod based on structural topology optimization", published in the *Journal of Engineering, Design and Technology*, Vol. ahead-of-print, No. ahead-of-print, <https://doi.org/10.1108/JEDT-01-2021-0045>. Concerns were raised regarding the identity of the authors and the originality of the research; the authors were asked to provide details of their collaboration on this article and the data used to create it, but were unable to offer sufficient description of the authorship process or address the queries raised about the data; as a result the findings of the paper cannot be relied upon and the standard of the article does not meet that expected by the journal. The authors would like it to be noted that they are not in agreement with this retraction. The publisher of the journal sincerely apologises to the readers.

