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# Retraction Note: Investigating the association of informal digital learning of English with EFL learners' intercultural competence and willingness to communicate: a SEM study

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Author Afsheen Rezai disagrees with this retraction.

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