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FOURTH REVISED RETRACTION NOTICE

Retraction of	Kolinearitas dan Regularisasi pada Model Layanan Publik Digital: Simulasi dalam Konteks Green Government
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Authorship Clarification	The names listed above reflect the historical authorship record at the time of publication. Their inclusion does not imply that each individual provided verified consent, made a scholarly contribution, or approved the published manuscript.
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Date of Fourth Revised Retraction Notice	31 October 2026

The Editorial Board of *Ekliptika: Jurnal Inovasi Teknologi Berkelanjutan* hereby confirms that the article entitled "Kolinearitas dan Regularisasi pada Model Layanan Publik Digital: Simulasi dalam Konteks Green Government," published in Volume 7, Issue 1 (2026), pages 17–30, has been officially retracted effective **28 October 2026**. This decision was made after the journal reviewed reports, clarifications, and documents concerning the inclusion of academic identities, authorship consent, and the preparation and publication of the manuscript.

The review identified serious concerns that could not be adequately resolved merely by modifying the list of authors. The retraction was issued to correct the scholarly record, protect the academic rights of the affected individuals, and provide clear information to readers. The retraction constitutes a corrective action concerning the publication and does not, in itself, establish personal wrongdoing or impose sanctions on every individual whose name appeared in the article. The decision to retract the article was based on the following considerations:

1. **Unauthorized Inclusion of Academic Identities.** Based on the clarifications and requests received by the journal, the names of Professor Ines Mergel, Professor Marijn Janssen, Professor Rini Rachmawati, and Professor Yudho Giri Sucahyo were included as authors in the original publication without the required authorship consent. In an email dated 28 October 2026, Professor Rini Rachmawati explained that she had not consented to being listed as a co-author and had not participated in preparing the manuscript. Similarly, in an email dated 29 October 2026, Professor Yudho Giri Sucahyo stated that he had neither been aware of nor consented to the inclusion of his name as a co-author and had not been involved in preparing the manuscript. The journal respects all clarifications received and emphasizes that the attribution of authorship in scholarly publications must be supported by identifiable scholarly contributions and verifiable authorship consent.

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2. **Inaccuracies in Authorship Contribution Information.** The authorship information presented in the original publication did not accurately reflect the contributions, authorization, and consent of all individuals listed. Based on the available documentation, the inclusion of the four academics was not supported by the required authorship consent or verified scholarly contributions. The journal emphasizes that changes to their names, affiliations, or authorship information must not be interpreted as voluntary withdrawal from authorship that had previously been approved. Rather, these corrections are intended to clarify that their inclusion in the original publication had not received the necessary consent.
3. **Authorship Verification and Editorial Oversight.** The Editorial Board acknowledges that procedures for verifying author identities, confirming scholarly contributions, obtaining authorship consent, and ensuring approval of the final manuscript were not adequately implemented. As part of the clarification process, Muhammad Khafid Ainul Yaqin, who was listed as the first author in the original publication, and Rudi Kurniawan, S.T., M.T., who served as Editor-in-Chief at the time of the incident, provided statements concerning the preparation and publication of the article. In his written clarification dated 29 October 2026, Rudi Kurniawan explained his direct involvement in preparing the manuscript and including academic identities without the required authorship consent. The statements provided by the parties concerned form part of the institutional examination. Assessments concerning individual contributions, knowledge, consent, and responsibility will continue to be based on documentary evidence and examinations conducted by the competent authorities.
4. **Manuscript Preparation and Integrity of the Editorial Process.** The identified authorship concerns demonstrate the need for further examination of the manuscript's origin, preparation process, scholarly contributions, approval of the final version, and implementation of peer review. In his clarification dated 29 October 2026, Rudi Kurniawan explained his involvement in preparing the manuscript, including the use of generative artificial intelligence technology. The available Open Journal Systems (OJS) activity records and clarifications also indicate the need to examine the relationship between the published manuscript and the earlier submission and review history associated with **Submission ID 1390**. These matters require an objective, evidence-based examination. The information currently available does not, in itself, establish research data fabrication, falsification, or every form of potential individual misconduct.
5. **Protection of the Integrity of the Scholarly Record.** Considering the concerns regarding authorship attribution, the absence of the required consent, inaccuracies in reported scholarly contributions, and deficiencies in the editorial process, the Editorial Board concludes that correcting the list of authors alone would be insufficient. Therefore, retraction is considered a necessary corrective measure to preserve the integrity of the scholarly record and prevent misunderstandings regarding the article's publication status. **The original retraction decision dated 28 October 2026 remains valid and unchanged.**

FURTHER EXAMINATION AND EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Editorial Board confirms that the matter has been addressed through several editorial and administrative measures.

1. On 28 October 2026, the journal decided to retract the article after receiving and reviewing information concerning authorship irregularities. The Retraction Notice was subsequently updated based on additional clarifications received on 29 and 30 October 2026.
2. Since 29 October 2026, *Ekliptika: Jurnal Inovasi Teknologi Berkelanjutan* has temporarily suspended the acceptance of new manuscript submissions. This measure was implemented to support the examination process, strengthen authorship verification, evaluate editorial and peer-review procedures, and improve oversight of journal management.
3. On 29 October 2026, an institutional decision was issued concerning the assignment of an initial administrative examination and the facilitation of an ethical review. This examination aims to establish clarity regarding the chronology of events, relevant documentation, the exercise of editorial authority, and the responsibilities of the parties involved.
4. As part of the institutional restructuring of journal management, Rector's Decree No. U071113/R/KP.00.3/5400/2026, dated 30 October 2026, terminated the appointment of Rudi Kurniawan, S.T., M.T., as Editor-in-Chief of *Ekliptika: Jurnal Inovasi Teknologi Berkelanjutan*, including his associated editorial authority, effective on that date.

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5. Subsequently, under Rector's Decree No. U071113/R/KP.00.3/5401/2026, dated 31 October 2026, the Head of UPT P3H was appointed Acting Coordinator of Ekliptika Journal Management to ensure administrative continuity and facilitate the implementation of corrective measures.

The termination of the editorial management appointment constitutes an institutional administrative measure separate from the retraction of the article. The assessment of individual responsibility and any additional administrative sanctions remains subject to the applicable decisions and procedures.

DOI METADATA COORDINATION WITH CROSSREF

As part of the follow-up measures concerning the retraction, UPT P3H contacted Crossref on 31 October 2026 regarding the DOI information and metadata associated with the retracted article. The request was received by Crossref Support and recorded in its support system. Further action will follow Crossref's official response and the applicable procedures to ensure that the retracted status is clearly identifiable in the scholarly record and indexing services. This coordination forms part of the institution's efforts to maintain accurate publication information. Acknowledgment of the request by Crossref does not, in itself, mean that all metadata updates have been completed. The journal will retain the original DOI and the necessary historical bibliographic record while ensuring that the retraction information is clearly displayed through appropriate procedures.

DOCUMENT PRESERVATION AND TRANSPARENCY

The article has been formally designated **RETRACTED** since 28 October 2026 and must no longer be treated or cited as an unretracted scholarly publication. The Retraction Notice and relevant bibliographic information will remain publicly accessible so that readers, researchers, and indexing services can identify the article's status. The original manuscript, previously published files, authorship documentation, related correspondence, editorial decisions, peer-review documentation, and OJS activity history will be securely preserved for authorized examination, scholarly documentation, and legitimate accountability purposes. The preservation of historical publication information does not imply that all authorship attributions in the original publication were supported by the required consent.

CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE JOURNAL'S INITIAL RESPONSE

The Editorial Board acknowledges that its initial response, which involved modifying the authorship information of an already published article, did not adequately explain the circumstances. Such action could have created the impression that the affected academics had previously consented to authorship and subsequently chosen to withdraw voluntarily. The journal emphasizes that the inclusion of the four professors' identities in the original publication was not supported by the required authorship consent. Accordingly, modifications to their authorship information must be understood as efforts to correct inaccuracies in the scholarly record rather than as voluntary withdrawals from previously approved authorship. The retraction and subsequent updates to this notice were undertaken to provide a more accurate explanation and maintain transparency and accountability in journal management.

APOLOGY FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD

The Editorial Board extends its sincere apologies to Professor Ines Mergel, Professor Marijn Janssen, Professor Rini Rachmawati, and Professor Yudho Giri Sucahyo, whose academic identities were included in the original publication without the required authorship consent. We also extend our apologies to Muhammad Khafid Ainul Yaqin, who was listed as the first author in the original publication record, for any inconvenience or adverse consequences he may have experienced in connection with the preparation, management, and publication of the article, as well as to any other individuals whose academic rights may have been affected. We deeply regret the circumstances that necessitated the retraction of this article. We recognize that deficiencies in authorship verification and editorial oversight may lead to misunderstandings concerning the contributions, consent, and academic responsibilities of the parties involved. We respect every individual's right to provide clarification, raise concerns, and obtain explanations and accountability through appropriate procedures. This apology reflects our respect for the academic rights of all affected parties and is not intended to prejudge individual responsibility before its determination through an authorized examination. We acknowledge that an apology and a retraction do not necessarily resolve all

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consequences arising from this incident.
Therefore, the journal remains committed to implementing the necessary corrective measures while maintaining objectivity, fairness, and respect for the academic dignity of every individual.

COMMITMENT TO PUBLICATION INTEGRITY

The Editorial Board recognizes that scholarly publishing integrity must be demonstrated through sound procedures, openness to correction, respect for academic rights, and a willingness to address identified deficiencies. The measures undertaken in response to this matter have included issuing the retraction, receiving clarifications from the parties concerned, conducting an administrative examination, restructuring journal management, temporarily suspending new manuscript submissions, and coordinating DOI metadata matters with Crossref. These measures form part of the institution's efforts to strengthen scholarly publishing governance. Further evaluation and improvement will focus on verifying author identities and consent, ensuring the independence of editorial processes, implementing credible peer review, and maintaining appropriate publication records. The Editorial Board remains committed to implementing corrective measures responsibly, within its authority, and on the basis of traceable documentation. The integrity of scholarly publishing is upheld through honesty in correcting errors, respect for the rights of all parties, and a commitment to ensuring better publication practices.

PUBLICATION AND REVISION HISTORY

28 October 2026 — Initial Retraction Notice
The Retraction Notice was issued as a corrective measure in response to authorship concerns that could not be adequately resolved merely by modifying the authorship information.
29 October 2026 — First Revision
The notice was updated to clarify unauthorized authorship attribution, editorial responsibility, and institutional corrective measures.
30 October 2026 — Second Revision
The notice was updated based on additional documented information, including statements from the parties concerned, the manuscript preparation process, and the limitations of the journal's initial response.
30 October 2026 — Third Revision
An administrative revision was made following the University Senate meeting to update the authorized signatory from the former Editor-in-Chief to the Head of UPT P3H acting on behalf of the publisher.
This revision did not alter the substantive content of the Retraction Notice.
31 October 2026 — Fourth Revision
This revision was issued to clarify documented institutional follow-up measures, including the termination of th Editor-in-Chief's appointment to journal management, the appointment of an Acting Coordinator of Journ Management, coordination with Crossref, and the reaffirmation of the protection of academic rights and apologies the affected parties.
This revision does not alter the original retraction decision dated 28 October 2026.

AUTHORIZATION
Issued on behalf of the Publisher
Universitas Nahdlatul Ulama Pasuruan

Pasuruan, 31 Oktober 2026
Head of UPT P3H



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