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Quantum Codes Obtained from Skew q - λ -Constacyclic Codes over \mathfrak{R}_k

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Let $\mathfrak{R}_k = \mathbb{F}_q[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k] / \langle u_i^2 = \alpha_i u_i, u_i u_j = u_j u_i = 0 \rangle$, where $q = p^m$, p is an odd prime, α_i is a unit over \mathbb{F}_q , and $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, k$. In this article, we define a Gray map from \mathfrak{R}_k^n to $\mathbb{F}_q^{(k+1)n}$, we study the structure of skew q - λ -constacyclic codes over \mathfrak{R}_k , and then we give the necessary and sufficient conditions for skew q - λ -constacyclic codes over \mathfrak{R}_k to satisfy dual containing. Further, we have obtained some new nonbinary quantum codes from skew q - λ -constacyclic over \mathfrak{R}_k by using the CSS construction.

1. Introduction

Since Calderbank and Shor [1] and Steane [2] introduced a simple construction of quantum error-correcting code in 1996, many quantum error-correcting codes have been obtained from classical error-correcting codes by using the CSS construction [3–6]. In recent years, many researchers constructed quantum codes from constacyclic codes over finite nonchain rings [7–14]. In [15, 16], Boucher et al. proposed skew cyclic codes as a new kind of generalized cyclic codes by applying skew polynomial rings. Siap et al. [17] studied the structure of skew cyclic codes for an arbitrary length over finite fields. In [18, 19], skew constacyclic codes were studied over finite fields and finite chain rings. Bag et al. constructed quantum codes from skew $(1 - 2u_1 - 2u_2 - \dots - 2u_m)$ -constacyclic codes over $\mathbb{F}_q + u_1\mathbb{F}_q + \dots + u_{2m}\mathbb{F}_q$ and Θ - λ -skew constacyclic codes over $\mathbb{F}_q[u, v] / \langle u^2 - 1, v^2 - 1, uv = vu \rangle$ by applying the CSS construction [20, 21]. In [22, 23], some good quantum codes were obtained from linear skew constacyclic over $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}R$ and $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}[v_1, v_2, \dots, v_\ell] / \langle v_i^2 - 1, v_i v_j - v_j v_i \rangle_{1 \leq i, j \leq \ell}$ by using the Hermitian construction. In [24, 25], some new quantum codes were obtained from skew constacyclic codes over $R_{e,q}[u] / \langle u^e = 1 \rangle$, and some MDS quantum codes were constructed from skew cyclic codes over $\mathbb{F}_q[u] / \langle u^{k+1} - u \rangle$ by applying the CSS construction. Dinh et al. [26] obtained some optimal codes

and near-optimal codes from skew θ -cyclic codes and discussed the advantages of quantum codes from skew θ -cyclic codes than from cyclic codes over \mathbb{F}_q . In this article, we study the algebraic structures of skew q - λ -constacyclic codes over $\mathfrak{R}_k = \mathbb{F}_q[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k] / \langle u_i^2 = \alpha_i u_i, u_i u_j = u_j u_i = 0 \rangle$; as an application, we give some new quantum codes from skew q - λ -constacyclic codes over \mathfrak{R}_k by using the CSS construction.

The rest of this article is arranged as follows: In Section 2, we define a new nonchain ring \mathfrak{R}_k and a Gray map from \mathfrak{R}_k^n to $\mathbb{F}_q^{(k+1)n}$ and introduce some basic knowledge of skew constacyclic code over \mathfrak{R}_k . In Section 3, we give the necessary and sufficient conditions for skew q - λ -constacyclic codes over \mathfrak{R}_k to satisfy dual containing. In Section 4, we give some examples and obtain some new quantum codes from skew q - λ -constacyclic codes over \mathfrak{R}_k .

2. Preliminaries

Let $\mathfrak{R}_k = \mathbb{F}_q[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k] / \langle u_i^2 = \alpha_i u_i, u_i u_j = u_j u_i = 0 \rangle$ be a nonchain ring, where $q = p^m$, p is an odd prime and α_i is a unit over \mathbb{F}_q , $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, k$.

Clearly, \mathfrak{R}_k is semilocal and has $q^{(k+1)}$ elements.

Let $\zeta_1 = u_1/\alpha_1, \zeta_2 = u_2/\alpha_2, \dots, \zeta_k = u_k/\alpha_k, \zeta_{k+1} = 1 - u_1/\alpha_1 - u_2/\alpha_2 - \dots - u_k/\alpha_k$. We can get that $\zeta_i \zeta_j = 0$, when

$i \neq j$, $c_i c_j = c_j c_i$, when $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$, and $1 = c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_{k+1}$. Thus, $\mathfrak{R}_k = c_1 \mathfrak{R}_k \oplus c_2 \mathfrak{R}_k \oplus \dots \oplus c_{k+1} \mathfrak{R}_k$.

For any $r \in \mathfrak{R}_k$, r can only be said to $r = r_1 c_1 + r_2 c_2 + \dots + r_{k+1} c_{k+1}$, where $r_j \in \mathbb{F}_q$ and $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$.

Let θ_t be \mathbb{F}_q automorphism, $\theta_t: \mathbb{F}_q \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q$ by $\theta_t(a) = a^{p^t}$. We define the automorphism of \mathfrak{R}_k as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \varrho: \mathfrak{R}_k &\rightarrow \mathfrak{R}_k, \\ a_0 + a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_k u_k &\mapsto \theta_t(a_0) + \theta_t(a_1) u_1 + \dots + \theta_t(a_k) u_k. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

By the above definition, the order of ϱ is m/t .

Let the set $\mathfrak{R}_k[x, \varrho] = \{a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n, a_i \in \mathfrak{R}_k, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$, the addition on $\mathfrak{R}_k[x, \varrho]$ is defined as the general form of polynomials and the multiplication of polynomials is $(ax^i)(bx^j) = a\varrho^i(b)x^{i+j}$.

By the above definition, it is easy to know that the set $\mathfrak{R}_k[x, \varrho]$ is a noncommutative ring and a skew polynomial ring. $\forall f(x), g(x) \in \mathfrak{R}_k[x, \varrho]$, $g(x)$ is a right divisor of $f(x)$ if there exists $q(x) \in \mathfrak{R}_k[x, \varrho]$ subject to $f(x) = q(x) * g(x)$. Similarly, the left divisor can be given as above.

Let λ be a unit of \mathfrak{R}_k , the skew constacyclic shift $\sigma_{\varrho, \lambda}$ of $c = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}) \in \mathfrak{R}_k^n$ is defined by $\sigma_{\varrho, \lambda}(c) = (\lambda \varrho(c_{n-1}), \varrho(c_0), \dots, \varrho(c_{n-2}))$. Then, C is called a skew ϱ - λ -constacyclic code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k if C is invariant under $\sigma_{\varrho, \lambda}: \mathfrak{R}_k^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}_k^n$. In particular, C is called a skew ϱ -cyclic code and skew ϱ -negacyclic code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k , when $\lambda = 1$ and $\lambda = -1$.

A map is defined as follows:

$$\psi: \mathfrak{R}_k^n \rightarrow \frac{\mathfrak{R}_k[x, \varrho]}{\langle x^n - \lambda \rangle}, \quad (2)$$

$$(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) \mapsto a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1}.$$

Then, $\forall (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) \in \mathfrak{R}_k^n$ is identified as a polynomial $a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1}$ over $\mathfrak{R}_k[x, \varrho]/\langle x^n - \lambda \rangle$. Let the order of ϱ , $|\varrho| = l$; if $l|n$, we define a skew ϱ - λ -constacyclic code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k as a left ideal of $\mathfrak{R}_k[x, \varrho]/\langle x^n - \lambda \rangle$.

By the same method of Lemma 7 in [17], we can have the following lemma.

Lemma 1. *If $f(x)g(x) \in Z(\mathfrak{R}_k[x, \varrho])$, the centre of $\mathfrak{R}_k[x, \varrho]$ is $Z(\mathfrak{R}_k[x, \varrho])$ and then $f(x)g(x) = g(x)f(x) \in \mathfrak{R}_k[x, \varrho]$.*

For any $a = a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_2 + \dots + a_{k+1} c_{k+1} \in \mathfrak{R}_k$, the Gray map ϕ_k is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_k: \mathfrak{R}_k &\rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^{k+1}, \\ a &\mapsto (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{k+1}). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

We extend ϕ_k as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_k: \mathfrak{R}_k^n &\rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^{(k+1)n}, \\ (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) &\mapsto (a_{1,0}, \dots, a_{1,n-1}, a_{2,0}, \dots, a_{2,n-1}, \\ &\dots, a_{k+1,0}, \dots, a_{k+1,n-1}), \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where $a_i = a_{1,i} c_1 + a_{2,i} c_2 + \dots + a_{k+1,i} c_{k+1} \in \mathfrak{R}_k, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$.

For any $c = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}) \in C$, c can be said to be as follows:

$$c = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}) \leftrightarrow c(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} c_i x^i \in \mathfrak{R}_k[x]. \quad (5)$$

Let C be a linear code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k , and

$$C_j = \left\{ x_j \in \mathbb{F}_q^n \mid \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} x_j c_j \in C, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{j-1}, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_{k+1} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n \right\}, \quad (6)$$

for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$. One can quickly verify that C_j is a linear code of length n over \mathbb{F}_q for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$, and $C = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{k+1} c_j C_j, |C| = \prod_{j=1}^{k+1} |C_j|$.

Lemma 2 (see [14]). *An element $\lambda = \lambda_1 c_1 + \lambda_2 c_2 + \dots + \lambda_{k+1} c_{k+1}$ is a unit in \mathfrak{R}_k if and only if λ_j is a unit in \mathbb{F}_q for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$.*

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Lemma 3. *Let $C = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{k+1} c_j C_j$ be a linear code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k , and $\lambda = \lambda_1 c_1 + \lambda_2 c_2 + \dots + \lambda_{k+1} c_{k+1}$ is a unit in \mathfrak{R}_k , $\text{ord}(\varrho) \mid n$. Then, $\varrho(\lambda) = \lambda$ if and only if $\theta_t(\lambda_j) = \lambda_j$ and $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$, where $\theta_t(\alpha_i) = \alpha_i$ and $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$.*

Proof. Suppose $\varrho(\lambda) = \lambda$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= \lambda_1 c_1 + \lambda_2 c_2 + \dots + \lambda_{k+1} c_{k+1} \\ &= \lambda_{k+1} + u_1 \left(\frac{\lambda_1 - \lambda_{k+1}}{\alpha_1} \right) + \dots + u_k \left(\frac{\lambda_k - \lambda_{k+1}}{\alpha_k} \right) \\ &= \varrho \left(\lambda_{k+1} + u_1 \left(\frac{\lambda_1 - \lambda_{k+1}}{\alpha_1} \right) + \dots + u_k \left(\frac{\lambda_k - \lambda_{k+1}}{\alpha_k} \right) \right) \\ &= \theta_t(\lambda_{k+1}) + u_1 \theta_t \left(\frac{\lambda_1 - \lambda_{k+1}}{\alpha_1} \right) + \dots + u_k \theta_t \left(\frac{\lambda_k - \lambda_{k+1}}{\alpha_k} \right) \\ &= \lambda_{k+1}^{p^t} + u_1 \left(\frac{\lambda_1 - \lambda_{k+1}}{\alpha_1} \right)^{p^t} + \dots + u_k \left(\frac{\lambda_k - \lambda_{k+1}}{\alpha_k} \right)^{p^t} \\ &= \lambda_{k+1}^{p^t} + u_1 \left(\frac{\lambda_1^{p^t} - \lambda_{k+1}^{p^t}}{\alpha_1^{p^t}} \right) + \dots + u_k \left(\frac{\lambda_k^{p^t} - \lambda_{k+1}^{p^t}}{\alpha_k^{p^t}} \right) \\ &= \theta_t(\lambda_{k+1}) + \left(\frac{\theta_t(\lambda_1) - \theta_t(\lambda_{k+1})}{\theta_t(\alpha_1)} \right) + \dots + \left(\frac{\theta_t(\lambda_k) - \theta_t(\lambda_{k+1})}{\theta_t(\alpha_k)} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

On comparing the coefficients, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{k+1}^{p^f} &= \lambda_{k+1} \cdot \frac{\theta_t(\lambda_1) - \theta_t(\lambda_{k+1})}{\theta_t(\alpha_1)} \\ &= \frac{\lambda_1 - \lambda_{k+1}}{\alpha_1}, \dots, \frac{\theta_t(\lambda_k) - \theta_t(\lambda_{k+1})}{\theta_t(\alpha_k)} = \frac{\lambda_k - \lambda_{k+1}}{\alpha_k}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Note that $\theta_t(\alpha_i) = \alpha_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$, we can get that $\theta_t(\lambda_j) = \lambda_j$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$.

Conversely, if $\theta_t(\lambda_j) = \lambda_j$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$, note that $\theta_t(\alpha_i) = \alpha_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$, then we can have $\theta_t(\zeta_i) = \theta_t(u_i/\alpha_i) = \zeta_i$ and $\theta_t(\zeta_{k+1}) = \theta_t(1 - u_1/\alpha_1 - \dots - u_k/\alpha_k) = \zeta_{k+1}$.

So, $\varrho(\lambda) = \varrho(\lambda_1\zeta_1 + \lambda_2\zeta_2 + \dots + \lambda_{k+1}\zeta_{k+1}) = \lambda_1\zeta_1 + \lambda_2\zeta_2 + \dots + \lambda_{k+1}\zeta_{k+1} = \lambda$. \square

Theorem 1. Let $C = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{k+1} \zeta_j C_j$ be a linear code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k and $\lambda = \lambda_1\zeta_1 + \lambda_2\zeta_2 + \dots + \lambda_{k+1}\zeta_{k+1}$ is a unit in \mathfrak{R}_k , $\text{ord}(\varrho)|n$, $\varrho(\lambda) = \lambda$. Then, C is a skew ϱ - λ -constacyclic code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k if and only if C_j is a skew θ_t - λ_j -constacyclic code of length n over \mathbb{F}_q for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$.

Proof. For any $c_j = (c_{j,0}, c_{j,1}, \dots, c_{j,n-1}) \in C_j$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$. Then, $c = \zeta_1 c_1 + \zeta_2 c_2 + \dots + \zeta_{k+1} c_{k+1} = (\sum_{j=1}^{k+1} \zeta_j c_{j,0}, \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} \zeta_j c_{j,1}, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} \zeta_j c_{j,n-1}) \in C$

If C_j is a θ_t - λ_j -constacyclic code of length n over \mathbb{F}_q , then

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\theta_t, \lambda_j}(c_j) &= \sigma_{\theta_t, \lambda_j}(c_{j,0}, c_{j,1}, \dots, c_{j,n-1}) = (\lambda_j(c_{j,n-1})^{\theta_t}, (c_{j,0})^{\theta_t}, \dots, (c_{j,n-2})^{\theta_t}) \in C_j, \\ \sigma_{\varrho, \lambda}(c) &= \left((\lambda_1\zeta_1 + \lambda_2\zeta_2 + \dots + \lambda_{k+1}\zeta_{k+1}) \varrho \left(\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \zeta_i c_{i,n-1} \right), \varrho \left(\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \zeta_i c_{i,0} \right), \dots, \varrho \left(\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \zeta_i c_{i,n-2} \right) \right) \\ &= \left((\lambda_1\zeta_1 + \lambda_2\zeta_2 + \dots + \lambda_{k+1}\zeta_{k+1}) \theta_t \left(\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \zeta_i c_{i,n-1} \right), \theta_t \left(\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \zeta_i c_{i,0} \right), \dots, \theta_t \left(\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \zeta_i c_{i,n-2} \right) \right) \\ &= \left((\lambda_1\zeta_1 + \lambda_2\zeta_2 + \dots + \lambda_{k+1}\zeta_{k+1}) \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \zeta_i \theta_t(c_{i,n-1}), \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \zeta_i \theta_t(c_{i,0}), \dots, \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \zeta_i \theta_t(c_{i,n-2}) \right) \\ &= \zeta_1 \sigma_{\theta_t, \lambda_1}(c_1) + \zeta_2 \sigma_{\theta_t, \lambda_2}(c_2) + \dots + \zeta_{k+1} \sigma_{\theta_t, \lambda_{k+1}}(c_{k+1}) \in C. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

So, C is a skew ϱ - λ -constacyclic code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k .

On the other hand, if C is a skew ϱ - λ -constacyclic code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\varrho, \lambda}(c) &= \zeta_1 \sigma_{\theta_t, \lambda_1}(c_1) + \zeta_2 \sigma_{\theta_t, \lambda_2}(c_2) \\ &\quad + \dots + \zeta_{k+1} \sigma_{\theta_t, \lambda_{k+1}}(c_{k+1}) \in C = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{k+1} \zeta_j C_j. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

So, $\sigma_{\theta_t, \lambda_j}(c_j) \in C_j$, C_j is a skew θ_t - λ_j -constacyclic code of length n over \mathbb{F}_q for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$. \square

Theorem 2. Let $C = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{k+1} \zeta_j C_j$ be a skew ϱ - λ -constacyclic code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k , $\lambda = \lambda_1\zeta_1 + \lambda_2\zeta_2 + \dots + \lambda_{k+1}\zeta_{k+1}$ is a unit in \mathfrak{R}_k , $\text{ord}(\varrho)|n$, $\varrho(\lambda) = \lambda$. Then, $C^\perp = \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} \zeta_j C_j^\perp$ is

a skew θ_t - λ^{-1} -constacyclic code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k , and C_j^\perp is a skew θ_t - λ_j^{-1} -constacyclic code over \mathbb{F}_q for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$, where $\lambda^{-1} = \lambda_1^{-1}\zeta_1 + \lambda_2^{-1}\zeta_2 + \dots + \lambda_{k+1}^{-1}\zeta_{k+1}$.

Proof. Let $C = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{k+1} \zeta_j C_j$ be a skew ϱ - λ -constacyclic code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k , where $\lambda = \lambda_1\zeta_1 + \lambda_2\zeta_2 + \dots + \lambda_{k+1}\zeta_{k+1}$ is a unit in \mathfrak{R}_k . For any $x = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \in C^\perp$, $y = (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}) \in C$, then

$$\sigma_{\varrho, \lambda}^{n-1}(y) = (\lambda \varrho(y_1)^{n-1}, \lambda \varrho(y_2)^{n-1}, \dots, \lambda \varrho(y_{n-1})^{n-1}, \varrho(y_0)^{n-1}) \in C. \quad (11)$$

We can get that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= x \cdot \sigma_{\varrho, \lambda}^{n-1}(y) = \lambda x_0 \varrho(y_1)^{n-1} + \lambda x_1 \varrho(y_2)^{n-1} + \dots + \lambda x_{n-2} \varrho(y_{n-1})^{n-1} + x_{n-1} \varrho(y_0)^{n-1} \\ &= \lambda (x_0 \varrho(y_1)^{n-1} + x_1 \varrho(y_2)^{n-1} + \dots + x_{n-2} \varrho(y_{n-1})^{n-1} + \lambda^{-1} x_{n-1} \varrho(y_0)^{n-1}), \\ 0 &= \varrho(0) \\ &= \varrho(x_0 \varrho(y_1)^{n-1} + x_1 \varrho(y_2)^{n-1} + \dots + x_{n-2} \varrho(y_{n-1})^{n-1} + \lambda^{-1} x_{n-1} \varrho(y_0)^{n-1}) \\ &= \varrho(x_0) \varrho(y_1) + \varrho(x_1) \varrho(y_2) + \dots + \varrho(x_{n-2}) \varrho(y_{n-1}) + \lambda^{-1} \varrho(x_{n-1}) \varrho(y_0) \\ &= \sigma_{\varrho, \lambda^{-1}}(x) \cdot y, \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

so $\sigma_{\theta_t \lambda^{-1}}(x) \in C^\perp$; hence, C^\perp is a skew $\theta_t \lambda^{-1}$ -constacyclic code.

By Lemma 2, C^\perp is a skew $\theta_t \lambda^{-1}$ -constacyclic code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k . By Theorem 1, C_j^\perp is a skew $\theta_t \lambda_j^{-1}$ -constacyclic code over \mathbb{F}_q for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$. \square

Theorem 3. Let $C = \oplus_{j=1}^{k+1} \zeta_j C_j$ be a skew ϱ - λ -constacyclic code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k , $\lambda = \lambda_1 \zeta_1 + \lambda_2 \zeta_2 + \dots + \lambda_{k+1} \zeta_{k+1}$ is a unit in \mathfrak{R}_k $\text{ord}(\varrho) \mid n$, $\varrho(\lambda) = \lambda$. Then, there exists a polynomial $\zeta_1 g_1(x) + \zeta_2 g_2(x) + \dots + \zeta_{k+1} g_{k+1}(x) \in \mathfrak{R}_k[x, \varrho]$ subject to $C = \langle \zeta_1 g_1(x) + \zeta_2 g_2(x) + \dots + \zeta_{k+1} g_{k+1}(x) \rangle$, where the right divisor of $x^n - \lambda$ is $\zeta_1 g_1(x) + \zeta_2 g_2(x) + \dots + \zeta_{k+1} g_{k+1}(x)$, the generator polynomial of skew $\theta_t \lambda_j$ -constacyclic C_j is $g_j(x) \in \mathbb{F}_q[x, \theta_t]$, and $g_j(x)$ divides $x^n - \lambda_j$ on the right for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$.

Proof. Let $C = \oplus_{j=1}^{k+1} \zeta_j C_j$ be a skew ϱ - λ -constacyclic code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k . By Theorem 1, C_j is a skew $\theta_t \lambda_j$ -constacyclic code of length n over \mathbb{F}_q for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$.

Let $g_j(x)$ be the generator polynomial of C_j , then

$$C = \langle \zeta_1 g_1(x), \zeta_2 g_2(x), \dots, \zeta_{k+1} g_{k+1}(x) \rangle. \quad (13)$$

Let $C' = \langle \zeta_1 g_1(x) + \zeta_2 g_2(x) + \dots + \zeta_{k+1} g_{k+1}(x) \rangle$. Clearly, $C' \subseteq C$.

Because $\zeta_j [(\zeta_1 g_1(x) + \zeta_2 g_2(x) + \dots + \zeta_{k+1} g_{k+1}(x))] = \zeta_j g_j(x)$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$, so $C \subseteq C'$.

Hence, $C = C' = \langle \zeta_1 g_1(x) + \zeta_2 g_2(x) + \dots + \zeta_{k+1} g_{k+1}(x) \rangle$.

Because the right divisor of $x^n - \lambda_j$ is $g_j(x)$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$. Let $f_j(x)g_j(x) = x^n - \lambda_j$. Then, $[\zeta_1 f_1(x) + \zeta_2 f_2(x) + \dots + \zeta_{k+1} f_{k+1}(x)] [\zeta_1 g_1(x) + \zeta_2 g_2(x) + \dots + \zeta_{k+1} g_{k+1}(x)] = x^n - (\lambda_1 \zeta_1 + \lambda_2 \zeta_2 + \dots + \lambda_{k+1} \zeta_{k+1}) = x^n - \lambda$.

So, the right divisor of $x^n - \lambda$ is $\zeta_1 g_1(x) + \zeta_2 g_2(x) + \dots + \zeta_{k+1} g_{k+1}(x)$. \square

Corollary 1. Let $C = \oplus_{j=1}^{k+1} \zeta_j C_j$ be a skew ϱ - λ -constacyclic code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k , $\lambda = \lambda_1 \zeta_1 + \lambda_2 \zeta_2 + \dots + \lambda_{k+1} \zeta_{k+1}$ is a unit in \mathfrak{R}_k , $\text{ord}(\varrho) \mid n$, $\varrho(\lambda) = \lambda$. Then, $C^\perp = \langle \zeta_1 f_1^*(x) + \zeta_2 f_2^*(x) + \dots + \zeta_{k+1} f_{k+1}^*(x) \rangle$, $|C^\perp| = q^{\sum_{j=1}^{k+1} \deg(g_j(x))}$,

where $f_j(x)g_j(x) = x^n - \lambda_j$, $f_j(x) = a_{0,j} + a_{1,j}x + \dots + a_{n-r,j}x^{n-r} \in \mathbb{F}_q[x, \theta_t]$, $f_j^*(x) = a_{n-r,j} + \theta_t(a_{n-r-1,j})x + \dots + \theta_t^{n-r}(a_{0,j})x^{n-r}$, and $f_j^*(x)$ is the generate polynomials of skew $\theta_t \lambda_j^{-1}$ -constacyclic C_j^\perp for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$.

Proof. Let $C_j^\perp = \langle f_j^*(x) \rangle$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$, using The-

orems 2 and 3, $C^\perp = \oplus_{j=1}^{k+1} \zeta_j C_j^\perp$, then $|C^\perp| = \prod_{j=1}^{k+1} |C_j^\perp| =$

$q^{\left(\sum_{j=1}^{k+1} \deg(g_j(x))\right)}$, and we can get that $C^\perp = \langle \zeta_1 f_1^*(x), \zeta_2 f_2^*(x), \dots, \zeta_{k+1} f_{k+1}^*(x) \rangle$. Let

$\bar{D} = \langle \zeta_1 f_1^*(x) + \zeta_2 f_2^*(x) + \dots + \zeta_{k+1} f_{k+1}^*(x) \rangle$. Clearly,

$\bar{D} \subseteq C^\perp$. Because $\zeta_j [\zeta_1 f_1^*(x) + \zeta_2 f_2^*(x) + \dots + \zeta_{k+1} f_{k+1}^*(x)] = \zeta_j f_j^*(x)$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$, so $C^\perp \subseteq \bar{D}$.

Therefore, $C^\perp = \bar{D} = \langle \zeta_1 f_1^*(x) + \zeta_2 f_2^*(x) + \dots + \zeta_{k+1} f_{k+1}^*(x) \rangle$. \square

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Theorem 4. Let $C = \oplus_{j=1}^{k+1} \zeta_j C_j$ be a linear code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k , with order $|C| = q^l$, and the minimum Gray distance of C is d_G . Then, $\phi_k(C)$ is a $[(k+1)n, l, d_G]$ linear code and $\phi_k(C)^\perp = \phi_k(C)^\perp$. If C is a self-dual code over \mathfrak{R}_k , then $\phi_k(C)$ is a self-dual code over \mathbb{F}_q .

Proof. By the definition of ϕ_k , we can have that $\phi_k(C)$ is a $[(k+1)n, l, d_G]$ linear code.

Let $a = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) \in C$, $b = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1}) \in C^\perp$, $a_j = a_{1,j} \zeta_1 + a_{2,j} \zeta_2 + \dots + a_{k+1,j} \zeta_{k+1}$, $b_j = b_{1,j} \zeta_1 + b_{2,j} \zeta_2 + \dots + b_{k+1,j} \zeta_{k+1} \in \mathfrak{R}_k$, $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$, and $a^{(i)} = (a_{i,0}, a_{i,1}, \dots, a_{i,n-1})$, $b^{(i)} = (b_{i,0}, b_{i,1}, \dots, b_{i,n-1})$, $i = 1, 2, \dots,$

$k+1$. Then, $a \cdot b = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_j b_j = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} a_{i,j} b_{i,j}$

$\zeta_i = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} a^{(i)} b^{(i)T} \zeta_i = 0$. So $a^{(i)} b^{(i)T} = 0$ and $i =$

$1, 2, \dots, k+1$. Since $\phi_k(a) = (a^{(1)}, a^{(2)}, \dots, a^{(k+1)})$ and $\phi_k(b) = (b^{(1)}, b^{(2)}, \dots, b^{(k+1)})$,

$$\phi_k(a) \cdot \phi_k(b) = \phi_k(a) \phi_k(b)^T = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} a^{(i)} b^{(i)T} = 0. \quad (14)$$

So, we have $\phi_k(C^\perp) \subseteq \phi_k(C)^\perp$.

Because ϕ_k is bijective, $|C| = |\phi_k(C)|$. Then, $|\phi_k(C^\perp)| = q^{(k+1)n}/|C| = q^{(k+1)n}/|\phi_k(C)| = |\phi_k(C)^\perp|$. We have $\phi_k(C^\perp) = \phi_k(C)^\perp$.

If C is a self-dual code, $C = C^\perp$ and then $\phi_k(C)^\perp = \phi_k(C^\perp) = \phi_k(C)$.

Therefore, $\phi_k(C)$ is a self-dual code over \mathbb{F}_q . \square

Lemma 4. Let C be a skew θ_t - λ -constacyclic code of length n over \mathbb{F}_q , whose generator polynomial is $g(x)$ and $\text{ord}(\theta_t) \mid n$. Then, C contains its dual code if and only if $x^n - \lambda$ is the right divisor of $f^*(x)f(x)$, where $\lambda = \pm 1$ and the generator polynomial of C^\perp is $f^*(x)$.

Proof. Let $C^\perp = \langle f^*(x) \rangle$, where $f(x)g(x) = (x^n - \lambda)$ and $\lambda = \pm 1$, C contains its dual code if and only if there exists $h(x) \in \mathbb{F}_q[x, \theta_t]$ subject to $f^*(x) = h(x)g(x)$, by Lemma 1, $f^*(x)f(x) = h(x)g(x)f(x) = h(x)f(x)g(x) = h(x)(x^n - \lambda)$ if and only if the right divisor of $f^*(x)f(x)$ is $x^n - \lambda$.

In the present section, we construct quantum codes from skew ϱ - λ -constacyclic over \mathfrak{R}_k by using the CSS construction [1, 2]. \square

Theorem 5. (CSS Construction). Let $C = [n, k, d]_q$ be a linear codes over \mathbb{F}_q , if $C^\perp \subseteq C$, then there exists a quantum code $[[n, 2k - n, d]]_q$.

Theorem 6. Let $C = \oplus_{j=1}^{k+1} \zeta_j C_j$ be a skew ϱ - λ -constacyclic code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k , $\text{ord}(\varrho) \mid n$, $\varrho(\lambda) = \lambda$, $\lambda = \lambda_1 \zeta_1 + \lambda_2 \zeta_2 + \dots + \lambda_{k+1} \zeta_{k+1}$ is a unit in \mathfrak{R}_k . Then, $C^\perp \subseteq C$ if and only if the right divisor of $f_i^*(x)f_i(x)$ is $x^n - \lambda_i$, $\lambda_i = \pm 1$ and $i = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$.

Proof. Suppose the right divisor of $f_i^*(x)f_i(x)$ is $x^n - \lambda_i$, by Lemma 4, $C_i^\perp \subseteq C_i$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$, then $\varsigma_i C_i^\perp \subseteq \varsigma_i C_i$, which implies $C^\perp = \oplus_{j=1}^{k+1} \varsigma_j C_j^\perp \subseteq \oplus_{j=1}^{k+1} \varsigma_j C_j = C$.

On the contrary, let $C^\perp \subseteq C$, then $C^\perp = \oplus_{j=1}^{k+1} \varsigma_j C_j^\perp \subseteq \oplus_{j=1}^{k+1} \varsigma_j C_j = C$. Hence, $C_i^\perp \subseteq C_i$. By Lemma 4, we have the right divisor of $f_i^*(x)f_i(x)$ as $x^n - \lambda_i$, $\lambda_i = \pm 1$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$.

Using Lemma 4 and Theorem 6, we can get the following corollary. \square

Corollary 2. Let $C = \oplus_{j=1}^{k+1} \varsigma_j C_j$ be a skew q - λ -constacyclic code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k , where $\text{ord}(q) \mid n$, $q(\lambda) = \lambda$, and $\lambda = \lambda_1 \varsigma_1 + \lambda_2 \varsigma_2 + \dots + \lambda_{k+1} \varsigma_{k+1}$ is a unit in \mathfrak{R}_k . Then, $C^\perp \subseteq C$ if and only if $C_j^\perp \subseteq C_j$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$.

Theorem 7. Let $C = \oplus_{j=1}^{k+1} \varsigma_j C_j$ be a skew q - λ -constacyclic code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k , where $\text{ord}(q) \mid n$, $q(\lambda) = \lambda$, and $\lambda = \lambda_1 \varsigma_1 + \lambda_2 \varsigma_2 + \dots + \lambda_{k+1} \varsigma_{k+1}$ is a unit in \mathfrak{R}_k . If C_j is a skew θ_i - λ_j -constacyclic code over \mathbb{F}_q and $C_j^\perp \subseteq C_j$, where $\lambda_i = \pm 1$ and $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$, then $\phi_k(C)^\perp \subseteq \phi_k(C)$ and there exists a quantum code $[[[(k+1)n, 2l - (k+1)n, d_G]]_q]$ where the minimum Gray weight of C is d_G and the dimension of $\phi_k(C)$ is l .

Proof. Since C_j is a skew θ_i - λ_j -constacyclic code over \mathbb{F}_q and $C_j^\perp \subseteq C_j$, $\lambda_j = \pm 1$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$, using Corollary 2, and $C^\perp \subseteq C$. So, $\phi_k(C^\perp) \subseteq \phi_k(C)$, by Theorem 4 $\phi_k(C)^\perp = \phi_k(C^\perp)$. Therefore, $\phi_k(C)^\perp \subseteq \phi_k(C)$, and by Theorem 4, $\phi_k(C) = [[(k+1)n, l, d_G]]$. Using Theorem 5, there exists a quantum code $[[[(k+1)n, 2l - (k+1)n, d_G]]_q]$. \square

Example 1. Let $n = 3$ and $\mathfrak{R}_2 = \mathbb{F}_{27}[u_1, u_2] / \langle u_1^2 = u_1, u_2^2 = u_2, u_1 u_2 = u_2 u_1 = 0 \rangle$, $\varsigma_1 = u_1, \varsigma_2 = u_2, \varsigma_3 = 1 - u_1 - u_2$, $\forall a \in \mathbb{F}_{27}$, and $\theta_i: \mathbb{F}_{27} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{27}$ is defined by $\theta_i(a) = a^3$, and $\forall (a_0 + a_1 u_1 + a_2 u_2) \in \mathfrak{R}_2$, $q(a_0 + a_1 u_1 + a_2 u_2) = (a_0)^{\theta_i} + (a_1)^{\theta_i} u_1 + (a_2)^{\theta_i} u_2$. Then, $|q| = 3, \text{ord}(q) \mid n$.

$$\begin{aligned} x^3 + 1 &= (\omega^{24} + \omega^7 x + \omega^8 x^2)(\omega^2 x + \omega^2) \\ &\in \mathbb{F}_{27}[x, \theta_i], x^3 - 1 = (\omega^{12} + \omega^{22} x + x^2)(x + \omega) \\ &\in \mathbb{F}_{27}[x, \theta_i]. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Let C be a skew q - $(\varsigma_1 + \varsigma_2 + (-1)\varsigma_3)$ -constacyclic code of length 3 over \mathfrak{R}_2 . Let $g(x) = \varsigma_1 g_1(x) + \varsigma_2 g_2(x) + \varsigma_3 g_3(x)$, where $g_1(x) = g_2(x) = \omega^2 x + \omega^2, g_3(x) = x + \omega$. Then, $C_1 = \langle g_1(x) \rangle$ and $C_2 = \langle g_2(x) \rangle$ are skew negacyclic codes of length 3 over \mathbb{F}_{27} . $C_3 = \langle g_3(x) \rangle$ is a skew cyclic code of length 3 over \mathbb{F}_{27} . By Theorem 4, $\phi_2(C) = [9, 6, 3]_{27}$. Using Theorem 7, $C^\perp \subseteq C$. So, we can get a quantum code $[[9, 3, 3]]_{27}$ such that $n - k + 2 - 2d = 2$.

Example 2. Let $n = 8$ and $\mathfrak{R}_3 = \mathbb{F}_9[u_1, u_2, u_3] / \langle u_i^2 = -u_i, u_i u_j = u_j u_i = 0 \rangle$, $\varsigma_1 = -u_1, \varsigma_2 = -u_2, \varsigma_3 = -u_3, \varsigma_4 = 1 + u_1 + u_2 + u_3, \forall a \in \mathbb{F}_9$ and $\theta_i: \mathbb{F}_9 \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_9$ is defined by $\theta_i(a) = a^3$, and $\forall (a_0 + a_1 u_1 + a_2 u_2 + a_3 u_3) \in \mathfrak{R}_3$ and $q(a_0 + a_1 u_1 +$

$a_2 u_2 + a_3 u_3) = (a_0)^{\theta_i} + (a_1)^{\theta_i} u_1 + (a_2)^{\theta_i} u_2 + (a_3)^{\theta_i} u_3$. Then, $|q| = 2, \text{ord}(q) \mid n$.

$$\begin{aligned} x^8 - 1 &= (\omega^2 x^5 + \omega^2 x^4 + \omega x^3 + \omega x^2 + 2x + 2) \\ &\quad (\omega^2 x^3 + \omega^2 x^2 + 2x + 1) \in \mathbb{F}_9[x, \theta_i], x^8 + 1 \\ &= (\omega^7 x^6 + \omega^3 x^5 + \omega^5 x^4 + \omega^7 x^3 + \omega^6 x^2 + \omega^7 x + 1) \\ &\quad (\omega x^2 + \omega^3 x + 1) \in \mathbb{F}_9[x, \theta_i]. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Let C be a skew q - $(\varsigma_1 + \varsigma_2 + (-1)\varsigma_3 + (-1)\varsigma_4)$ -constacyclic code of length 8 over \mathfrak{R}_3 . Let $g(x) = \varsigma_1 g_1(x) + \varsigma_2 g_2(x) + \varsigma_3 g_3(x) + \varsigma_4 g_4(x)$, where $g_1(x) = g_2(x) = \omega^2 x^3 + \omega^2 x^2 + 2x + 1, g_3(x) = g_4(x) = \omega x^2 + \omega^3 x + 1$. Then, $C_1 = \langle g_1(x) \rangle$ and $C_2 = \langle g_2(x) \rangle$ are skew cyclic codes of length 8 over \mathbb{F}_9 . $C_3 = \langle g_3(x) \rangle$ and $C_4 = \langle g_4(x) \rangle$ are skew negacyclic codes of length 8 over \mathbb{F}_9 . By Theorem 4, $\phi_3(C) = [32, 22, 4]_9$. By Theorem 7, $C^\perp \subseteq C$. So, we can get a quantum code $[[32, 12, 4]]_9$.

Example 3. Let $n = 12$ and $\mathfrak{R}_3 = \mathbb{F}_9[u_1, u_2, u_3] / \langle u_i^2 = -u_i, u_i u_j = u_j u_i = 0 \rangle$, $\varsigma_1 = -u_1, \varsigma_2 = -u_2, \varsigma_3 = -u_3, \varsigma_4 = 1 + u_1 + u_2 + u_3, \forall a \in \mathbb{F}_9$, and $\theta_i: \mathbb{F}_9 \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_9$ is defined by $\theta_i(a) = a^3$, and $\forall (a_0 + a_1 u_1 + a_2 u_2 + a_3 u_3) \in \mathfrak{R}_3$ and $q(a_0 + a_1 u_1 + a_2 u_2 + a_3 u_3) = (a_0)^{\theta_i} + (a_1)^{\theta_i} u_1 + (a_2)^{\theta_i} u_2 + (a_3)^{\theta_i} u_3$. Then, $|q| = 2, \text{ord}(q) \mid n$.

$$\begin{aligned} x^{12} - 1 &= (\omega^2 x^{10} + \omega^2 x^8 + \omega^2 x^6 + \omega^2 x^4 + \omega^2 x^2 + \omega^2) \\ &\quad (\omega^6 x^2 + \omega^2) \in \mathbb{F}_9[x, \theta_i], x^{12} + 1 \\ &= (x^{10} + \omega^6 x^8 + 2x^6 + \omega^2 x^4 + x^2 + \omega^6) \\ &\quad (x^2 + \omega^2) \in \mathbb{F}_9[x, \theta_i]. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Let C be a skew q - $(\varsigma_1 + (-1)\varsigma_2 + \varsigma_3 + (-1)\varsigma_4)$ -constacyclic code of length 12 over \mathfrak{R}_3 . Let $g(x) = \varsigma_1 g_1(x) + \varsigma_2 g_2(x) + \varsigma_3 g_3(x) + \varsigma_4 g_4(x)$, where $g_1(x) = g_3(x) = \omega^6 x^2 + \omega^2$ and $g_2(x) = g_4(x) = x^2 + \omega^2$. Then, $C_1 = \langle g_1(x) \rangle$ and $C_3 = \langle g_3(x) \rangle$ are skew cyclic codes of length 12 over \mathbb{F}_9 , and $C_2 = \langle g_2(x) \rangle$ and $C_4 = \langle g_4(x) \rangle$ are skew negacyclic codes of length 12 over \mathbb{F}_9 . By Theorem 4, $\phi_3(C) = [48, 40, 3]_9$. By Theorem 7, $C^\perp \subseteq C$. So, we can get a quantum code $[[48, 32, 3]]_9$, which has larger dimension than $[[48, 24, 3]]_9$ in [21].

In Table 1, some new quantum codes are given from skew q - λ constacyclic over \mathfrak{R}_k . Our quantum codes $[[18, 12, 3]]_{27}, [[9, 3, 3]]_{27}, [[18, 12, 3]]_{47}, [[18, 12, 3]]_{169}, [[28, 22, 3]]_{49}$ have the parameters such that $n - k - 2d + 2 = 2$. These codes are approached quantum MDS codes (satisfying quantum singleton bound $n - k - 2d + 2 = 0$). Moreover, our obtained quantum codes $[[48, 32, 3]]_9, [[40, 30, 3]]_{25}, [[56, 46, 3]]_{49}$ have larger dimensions than the quantum codes $[[48, 24, 3]]_9, [[40, 24, 3]]_{25}, [[56, 40, 3]]_{49}$ in [21].

TABLE 1: Quantum codes from skew q - λ -constacyclic over \mathfrak{R}_k .

q	n	k	$(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{k+1})$	$\langle g_1(x), \dots, g_{k+1}(x) \rangle$	$\phi_k(C)$	$[[n, l, d]]_q$	$[[n', k', d']]_q$
49	6	2	(1, -1, -1)	(31, ω 1, ω 1)	[18, 15, 3]	[[18, 12, 3]] ₄₉	$n - k - 2d + 2 = 0$
27	3	2	(1, 1, -1)	(1 ω , 1 ω , $\omega^2\omega^2$)	[9, 6, 3]	[[9, 3, 3]] ₂₇	$n - k - 2d + 2 = 0$
49	6	2	(1, -1, -1)	(31, ω 1, ω 1)	[18, 15, 3]	[[18, 12, 3]] ₄₉	$n - k - 2d + 2 = 0$
169	6	2	(1, -1, 1)	(ω^{16} 1, ω^{38} 1, ω^{16} 1)	[18, 15, 3]	[[28, 22, 3]] ₄₉	$n - k - 2d + 2 = 0$
49	14	1	(1, -1)	(1 ω^{22} 1, ω^3 1)	[28, 25, 3]	[[48, 32, 3]] ₉	$n - k - 2d + 2 = 0$
9	12	3	(1, -1, 1, -1)	($\omega^6\omega^2$, 10 ω^2 , $\omega^6\omega^2$, 10 ω^2)	[48, 40, 3]	[[48, 32, 3]] ₉	[[48, 32, 3]] ₉ [21]
25	10	3	(1, 1, -1, -1)	($\omega^8\omega^4$ 1, ω^4 1, ω^{10} 1, ω^{10} 1)	[40, 35, 3]	[[40, 30, 3]] ₂₅	[[40, 24, 3]] ₂₅ [21]
49	14	3	(1, -1, -1, 1)	(1 ω^{22} 1, ω^3 1, ω^3 1, ω^6 1)	[56, 51, 3]	[[56, 46, 3]] ₄₉	[[56, 46, 3]] ₄₉ [21]

5. Conclusions

In this article, we construct quantum codes by studying the structure of skew q - λ -constacyclic codes over a finite non-chain ring $\mathfrak{R}_k = \mathbb{F}_q[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k] / \langle u_i^2 = \alpha_i u_i, u_i u_j = u_j u_i = 0 \rangle$, where $q = p^m$, p is an odd prime, and α_i is a unit over \mathbb{F}_q , $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, k$. The major contributions are as follows: we study the structure of skew q - λ -constacyclic code of length n over \mathfrak{R}_k and give the necessary and sufficient conditions of dual-containing skew constacyclic codes. Our results will enrich the code source of quantum codes. Besides, we obtain some new quantum codes from skew q - λ -constacyclic over \mathfrak{R}_k by using the CSS construction. Our obtained quantum codes are approached quantum MDS codes or have larger dimensions than [21].

Data Availability

All data generated or analysed during this study are included within the article.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that there are no conflicts of interest.

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