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Green waxes, adhesives and lubricants

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We also note that Dr X. H. Kong was erroneously listed and included as an author. The University of Alberta, after review, found and confirms that neither Dr X. H. Kong nor any other University of Alberta employee was involved in the preparation or publication of the above paper in Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A.

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