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Expression of concern: Preparation of “natural” diamonds by HPHT annealing of synthetic diamonds

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CrystEngComm is publishing this expression of concern in order to alert its readers that concerns have been raised regarding the hydrogen-related peaks observed in the IR spectra.

It has been suggested that these peaks could be due to impurities such as grease on the surface of the crystals and subsequent work by the authors has indicated that this could be the case. The authors have been asked to carry out further experimental work to confirm the conclusions of their paper, and an expression of concern will continue to be associated with this article until a final outcome is reached.

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