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The following note is published with the approval of Tang, An-Na; Research Center for Analytical Sciences, College of Chemistry, Nankai University, Tianjin, China.

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Specifically, An-Na Tang at the Research Center for Analytical Sciences, College of Chemistry, Nankai University claims that *the idea, the experimental design and some important data including CEC separation and material*

characterization were obtained from her group; published as Li, H., Ding, G.-S., Yue, C.-Y. and Tang, A.-N. (2012), Diamino moiety functionalized silica nanoparticles as pseudostationary phase in capillary electrochromatography separation of plant auxins. Electrophoresis 33: 2012–2018. doi:[10.1002/elps.201100710](https://doi.org/10.1002/elps.201100710).

The authors of the current publication admit to having used *helpful discussions and elementary tests* from An-Na Tang's group and deeply regret not having acknowledged their contribution in the publication. They would like to apologize herewith to the readers, to Hui Li, Guo-Sheng Ding, Chun-Yue Yue and An-Na Tang.

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