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Retraction of 'A highest stable cluster Au₅₈ (C₁) re-optimized *via* a density-functional tight-binding (DFTB) approach' by K. Vishwanathan *et al.*, *RSC Adv.*, 2018, **8**, 11357–11366.

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