Thank you for submitting your disclosure entitled “Interfacial Effects Enable Droplet Actuation, Inhibition Relief, and Early Sensing of Polymerase Chain Reaction”. It has been assigned the identification number UA15-071, which is our means of tracking information related to the project and its activities. The licensing manager assigned to this case is Tod McCauley. He can be reached at (520)626-7916 or at TodM@TLA.arizona.edu.

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