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Author's Response

Sir,

First of all, we were merely reporting our experimental findings. We agree that QA is inevitably needed in a *commercial production* of the fingerprint powder. Second, we never claimed that magnetites from all localities in Thailand were identical. It goes without

saying that heterogeneity within one locality and differences in composition among magnetites from different localities do exist.

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