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Recently it has turned out, however, that the true authors are Dr. B.N. Roy and Mr. A. Kumar, also staff members of Bihar University. Mr. Chatterjee has denied any relation with the above publication. From the evidence that became available in the course of our investigations we must conclude that S.N. Tiwary (lecturer at Bihar University) made use of the Roy-Kumar manuscript to submit a paper to *Physica* under his name before Dr. Roy submitted the paper himself. We consider this as an extraordinary case of scientific fraud, which probably could have been prevented by requesting a letter of recommendation for publication by e.g. a head of department or a well-known supervisor. Since, as far as *Physica* is concerned, this is a rare case of falsification of author names, we shall react in restraint and require such a letter of recommendation only in particular circumstances.

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