Supporting Information

Bioinspired Polydopamine-Layered Double Hydroxide Nanocomposites: Controlled Synthesis and Multifunctional Performance

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