

## Notes for Authors

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### Patents

Tachibana R, Shimizu S, Kobayshi S, *et al.* Electronic water marking method and system: US, 6, 915, 001[P], 2002-04-25.

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*Pharmacopoeia of the Peoples Republic of China* (2005). Vol 2 [S]. 2005: 44.

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