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Synthesis and growth mechanism of ultrafine silver nanowires by using 5-chloro-

2-thienylmagnesium bromide as the additive

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