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Title: Percentage-Based Author Contribution Index. A universal measure of author contribution to scientific articles

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