Growth and characterization of one-dimensional tilted carbon nanorod arrays synthesized by the catalyst-assisted oblique angle deposition technique

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