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Dear Working Group Members,

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It has come to our attention that some members of the Working Group of the above-mentioned IARC Monographs Volume 112, or their institutes, received requests for disclosure of documents relating to their work as members of the Working Group.

As a member of the Working Group, we would like to bring to your attention that all documents in your possession, or your institute's possession, relating to your work as a member of this Working Group are documents of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

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