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# BGI Genomics contracts with Exeter

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John Lubbock 7 April 2023



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Dear University of Exeter,

In 2022, the Evening Standard reported that Exeter had an ongoing contract with Chinese genomics firm BGI Genomics. (<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/world/ch...>)

I would like to ask if this contract with BGI remains ongoing, and to provide a list of any contracts the university has or previously had with the company, along with a short description of the nature of the contracts.

Yours faithfully,

John Lubbock



InformationGovernance mailbox, University of Exeter 7 April 2023

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Yours sincerely,

John Lubbock

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