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Dear John

Further to your FOI request received on 26 April 2023 please find below the University's response to your request.

The information requested:

I am conducting a survey of UK higher educational institutions to find out which have had business dealings with the Chinese genomic sequencing company BGI Genomics.

I would like to ask whether your university has ever had any contracts or business relationships with BGI Genomics or its UK subsidiary MGI Tech UK. If there has been any work undertaken by BGI Genomics with your university, please can you provide a list of these contracts with dates from and to, and a short description of what the contract was for.

Research records can be checked for the last 20 years. In that timeframe neither BGI Genomics (BGI Group) or MGI Tech UK have ever been recorded as a research funder or as a collaborator/partner on a research Award. On this basis we can confirm that we have no research contracts or research related business dealings with either of the companies listed.

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Yours sincerely

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