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Article withdrawn: Composts that contain biodegradable plastics may hinder plant growth

The article 'Composts that contain biodegradable plastics may hinder plant growth' has been withdrawn by Science for Environment Policy. This was at the request of the authors of the research paper upon which the article was based.

The research paper 'Assessment of respiration activity and ecotoxicity of composts containing biopolymers' dealt with materials made from polyethylene with the addition of starch. These materials were incorrectly named in the paper as biodegradable materials, which could have misled the reader. Thereupon, the study's authors officially apologise for the incorrect and misleading naming of the studied materials.