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Some of the data upon which this abstract was based was fabricated or knowingly incomplete. The responsible party was terminated as a candidate for the PhD degree. Specifically, evidence for activity of partial pectate lyases was based on falsified data and the 3'-terminal part of the *pelB* open reading frame may be incomplete or incorrect. I apologize to the members of the Virginia Academy of Science, readers of this journal, and attendees of the Sixty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Virginia Academy of Sciences held on 21-24 May, 1991 at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University for the publication of this fraudulent abstract.  
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