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J.W. Weaver Paper of the Year Award

Heng Quan, Jingzhi Ren, Lin Xu, Yang Wang, and Zengfeng Wei are the recipients of the **J. William Weaver Paper of the Year Award** for their paper, “Design and Fabrication of Bistratal Functional Anionic Polyurethane Membrane on the Surface of Cashmere Fiber Based on Foaming Micro-Coating and the Studies of its Structure–Activity Relationships” published in the May/June 2023 *AATCC Journal of Research*.

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The Weaver Award

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