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### For periodicals

Farrell, J. and Shapiro, C., 2008. How Strong Are Weak Patents? American Economic Review, 98(4), pp. 1347-1369.

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