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| Professor Phillip E. Savage  Pennsylvania State University, USA |
| Zürich, June 30nd 2017  Dear Professor Savage,  We are submitting our manuscript entitled, “Molecular Epitaxy on Two-Dimensional Materials: the Interplay between Interactions” by Tian Tian and myself (Chih-Jen Shih, corresponding author) for your consideration of publication in *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry Research* as a review article.  This article is submitted for the **Special Issue of I&EC Research, 2017 Class of Influential Researchers**, according to your invitation letter received on October 19, 2016. In this work, we summarize the literature in the field of molecular epitaxy on 2D materials and the fundamental interactions involved in the process, which to our knowledge, have never been systematically reviewed. We expect that the scientific and engineering challenges and opportunities addressed in this review will greatly facilitate the development of 2D materials-based heterostructures and their applications. This review article is intended to be submitted to *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry Research* and has not been submitted to any other journals previously.  We look forward to hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if further information is needed.  Sincerely,    Chih-Jen Shih, ETH Zürich |