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Complaint Summary: Previous complaint wrongly rejected

Full Complaint: You rejected my complaint CAS-1641104-V1YH66 saying is was outside the 30 days but it was not. I made the complaint the evening before the expiration of the 30 days. It was an important complaint involving serious misleading of the public with extraordinary factual errors broadcast on a "factual" program, promotion of a commercial enterprise under the guise of a science story and woefully inadequate interviewing, including promotion by a BBC presenter of the notion that people have "pure" DNA. I have reasons for the delay in complaining, because I first wrote immediately to the professional colleagues of the interviewee complaining directly to them, and they passed on to Mr Moffat who wrote to my university threatening legal action against them for defamation. The threat is nonsense of course but I was required by my University to seek legal advice before taking any further action, which took some time to arrange in view of holidays and olympics. I did not explain this in my initial complaint because I was within the 30 days so saw no need.