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**Rebecca R.G.\*** ([rirebhuh@syr.edu](mailto:rirebhuh@syr.edu)) and **Geoffrey D. Dietz**. *Directed families of big Cohen-Macaulay algebras in equal characteristic.*

Previously, Geoffrey Dietz proved that big Cohen-Macaulay algebras in characteristic  $p > 0$  form a directed family. In joint work with Geoffrey Dietz, we extend these results to the equal characteristic 0 case using work of Schoutens on reduction to characteristic  $p$  via ultraproducts. When combined with results on closure operations by Geoffrey Dietz and the speaker, this work has implications for the use of big Cohen-Macaulay algebras in classifying singularities. (Received January 16, 2017)