# Constructing some combinatorial matrices by using orthogonal arrays Combinatorial Designs and Codes Satellite event of the 8th European Congress of Mathematics

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