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### **Structure and interfacial analysis of nanoscale TiNi thin film prepared by biased target ion beam deposition**

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