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pqc-forum <pqc-forum@list.nist.gov>, s zhang <<u>shezhangth@gmail.com</u>>

**Subject:** Re: [pqc-forum] A digital currency that claims to be resistant to quantum computers

**Date:** Tuesday, April 26, 2022 08:52:09 AM ET

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在2021年11月8日星期一 UTC+8 01:31:36<idqu...@gmail.com> 写道:



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Here is the official website of abcmint, which has various information about this cryptocurrency

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**Date:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 02:49:31 PM ET

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On Wed, 13 Oct 2021, 14:50 s zhang, <shezh@gmail.com> wrote:</shezh@gmail.com>			
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	On Wed, 13 Oct 2021, 14:45 s zhang, <shezh@gmail.com> wrote:</shezh@gmail.com>		
	The chairman of abcmint said it publicly at clubhouse, and his supporters are convinced of it.		

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wren....@gmail.com 在 2021年10月13日 星期三下午9:40:05 [UTC+8] 的信中寫道:

I will leave it to those more qualified than I to answer your question, but it would probably help if you could provide a link to the specific claims you mention.

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**From:** Ruben Niederhagen <<u>ruben@polycephaly.org</u>> via <u>pqc-forum@list.nist.gov</u>

**To:** Doge Protocol <<u>dogeprotocol1@gmail.com</u>>

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**Subject:** Re: [pqc-forum] A digital currency that claims to be resistant to quantum computers

**Date:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 08:22:16 PM ET

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Best regards

Ruben

**From:** Christopher J Peikert <<u>cpeikert@alum.mit.edu</u>> via <u>pqc-forum@list.nist.gov</u>

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Subject: Re: [pqc-forum] A digital currency that claims to be resistant to quantum computers

**Date:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 08:34:58 PM ET

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Sincerely yours in cryptography,

Chris

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