On 20 October 2016, we received an email from hqsjg@163.com, requesting that the characters indicated below be added to Unicode. The source is given as the Leipian (類篇), a dictionary published in 1066. The Leipian is an important milestone in the history of Chinese lexicography.

As a rule, the IRG no longer considers the mere presence of a character in a dictionary to be sufficient evidence for the encoding of the character. Some exceptions are made for dictionaries with notable prestige (§2.2.3a in the IRG Principles and Procedures document). Because of this, it may be possible for the IRG to accept characters such as this.

My own recommendation is for the following course of action:

1) The characters in question be added to UAX #45 with a status of N or U. (Andrew West has already done an analysis of the submission to determine which characters are unencoded and which are unifiable variants of encoded characters.)

2) We query the IRG to determine if the Leipian is a dictionary whose contents should be covered with encoded ideographs. We further query to determine if any IRG members are willing to sponsor or co-sponsor such characters.

Should the IRG rule favorably, then we should include these characters in our next major submission to the IRG.