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**YI ZHANG\***, 1409 W Green Street, Urbana, IL 61821. *Toward an efficient algorithm for deciding the vanishing of local cohomology modules in prime characteristic.*

Let  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  be a polynomial ring over a field  $k$  of characteristic  $p > 0$ . If  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ , we denote  $H_I^i(R)$  the  $i$ -th local cohomology module of  $R$  with support in  $I$ . We describe an algorithms to determine the vanishing of  $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(H_I^j(R))$ , where  $\mathfrak{m} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . The method we use is the  $F$ -module theory. (Received September 11, 2013)