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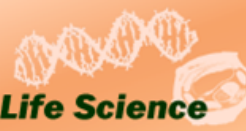
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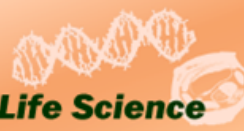
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[1] Kondo S, Nakajima S and Unno M (2012) Ratiometric fluorescence detection of anions by an amide-based receptor bearing pyrenyl groups. *Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn.*, 85: 698–700.

[2] Abdoellah OS, Schneider M, Nugraha LM *et al* (2020) Homegarden commercialization: extent, household characteristics,



and effect on food security and food sovereignty in Rural Indonesia. *Sustain. Sci.*, 15(3): 797–815.

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[3] Zhuang D, Li L, Tatematsu T, Nagaoka F, Nakano K, Kageyama K and Fukui H (2012) Relationship between tolerance against root rot disease and phenolic substances in root of *Rosa multiflora*. *Hort. Res.*, 11(2): 153–158. (In Japanese with English abstract)

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[4] Slifka MK, Whitton JL (2000) Clinical implications of dysregulated cytokine production. *J. Mol. Med.*
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s001090000086>

(Dissertation)

[5] Rozaki Z (2017) Economic and Social Study on Rainwater Harvesting in Karanganyar Regency, Central Java, Indonesia. Dissertation, Gifu University.

(Book)

[6] Fieser LF and Fieser M (1959) *Steroids*. Reinhold Publishing Co., New York.

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[7] Conkie D (1986) Separation of viable cells by centrifugal elutriation. In: *Animal Cell Culture —A Practical Approach* (Freshney RI, ed.). pp.113–124. IRI Press. Oxford.

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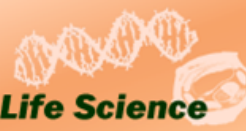
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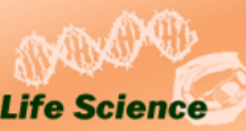
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