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C. Meyer B, Hermanns K. 1985. Formaldehyde release from pressed wood products. In: Turoski V, editor. Formaldehyde: analytical chemistry and toxicology. Proceedings of the symposium at the 187th meeting of the American Chemical Society; 1984 Apr 8-13; St Louis, MO. Washington: American Chemical Soc. p 101-16.  
D. Hamrick JL, Godt MJW, Murawaki DA, Loveless MD. 1991. Correlation between species traits and allozyme diversity: implications for conservation biology. In: Falk DA, Holsinger KE, editors. Genetics and conservation of rare plant. New York: Oxford Press. p 75-86.
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22 × 14	100%	whole page

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