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Bioremediation of heavy metals contaminated soils using bacteria, Soil fertility especially phosphorus nutrition of leguminous crops through Biofertilizers, Carbon sequestration and biofuel production using Algae, Nanotechnology for better nutrition and sustainable production of crop plants, behavior of microbes to Nanoparticles

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