



Micoteca da Universidade do Minho (MUM): a Portuguese Culture Collection

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[1] Lima N, Smith D, Biological resource centres and the use of microbes. (Eds.) XXII ECCO Meeting Proceedings Book. Micoteca da Universidade do Minho, Braga. 2003.

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