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Minh B. Q., Schmidt H. A., Chernomor O., Schrempf D., Woodhams M. D., von Haeseler A., Lanfear R., 2020. IQ-TREE 2: New models and efficient methods for phylogenetic inference in the genomic era. *Molecular and Biological Evolution*, 37: 1530–1534. <https://doi.org/10.1093/molbev/msaa015>.

Caly L., Druce J. D., Catton M. G., Jans D. A., Wagstaff K. M., 2020. The FDA-approved drug ivermectin inhibits the replication of SARS-CoV-2 in vitro. *Antiviral Research.* <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.antiviral.2020.104787>.

Nguyen Hai Van, Nguyen Thi Minh, 2017. Research on using endophytic bacteria isolated from different ecosystems. *Vietnam J Agri Sci*., 15: 605–618 (In Vietnamese with English summary).

***Book***

Weissbach A., Weissbach H., 1988. Methods for Plant Molecular Biology. Academic Press Inc, California, USA, pp. 450.

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Brinkhuis B. H., 1985. Handbook of Phycological Methods, Ecological Field Methods: Macroalgae. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 461–477

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***Proceedings***

Miorin L., Kehrer T., Sanchez-Aparicio M. T., Zhang K., Cohen P., Patel R. S., ... & García-Sastre A., 2020. SARS-CoV-2 Orf6 hijacks Nup98 to block STAT nuclear import and antagonize interferon signaling. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 117(45): 28344−28354.

Nguyen Thi Huong, Le Nhu Hau, Vu Thi Mo, 2010. Preliminary study on storage of seaweeds to establish ex-situ conservation. Proceedings of the scientific conference celebrating the 35th anniversary of the establishment of the Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology: 254−259. (In Vietnamese with English summary).

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Maliga P., 1996. Method for Producing Male Sterility in Plant and Use thereof in Production Hybrid Seed. Patent Number 5,530,191

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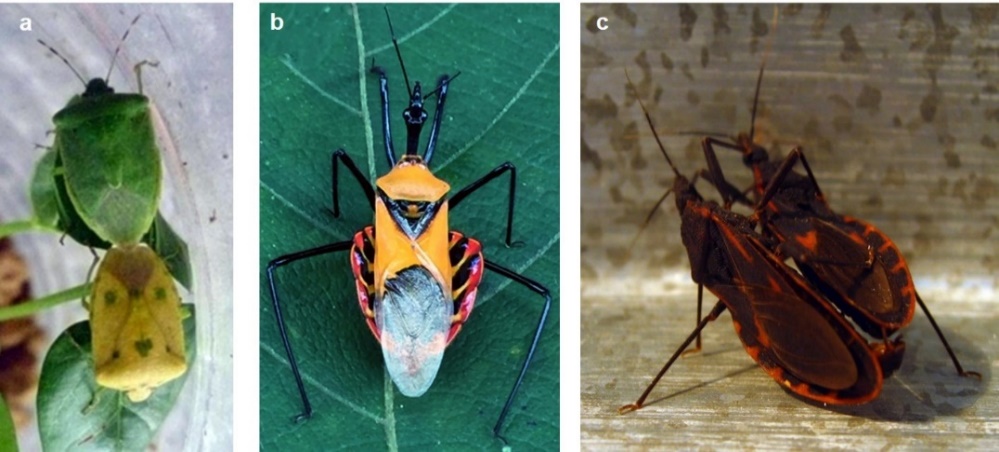
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a. Harmful bugs; b. Assassin bugs; c. Blood-sucking bugs

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