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Ostrogović Sever MZ, Alberti G, Delle Vedove G, Marjanović H, 2019. Temporal Evolution of Carbon Stocks, Fluxes and Carbon Balance in Pedunculate Oak Chronosequence under Close-To-Nature Forest Management. *Forests* 10(9): 814. <https://doi.org/10.3390/f10090814>.

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