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Elevated CO₂ Influences the Growth, Root Morphology, and Leaf Photosynthesis of Cacao (<i>Theobroma cacao L.</i>) seedlings (2023)	Author	Akiko Ishida ^{1),3)} , Isao Ogiwara ²⁾ , Sakae Suzuki ^{1,2)} 1) Food Science & Technology Research Laboratories, R&D Division, Meiji Co., Ltd. 2) United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology 3) Faculty of Agriculture, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology
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Effect of Flavanol-Rich Cacao Extract on the Profile of Mood State in Healthy Middle-Aged Japanese Women: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Pilot Study (2023)	Author	Rika Murakami ¹⁾ , Midori Natsume ¹⁾ , Kentaro Ito ¹⁾ , Shukuko Ebihara ²⁾ , and Masakazu Terauchi ³⁾ 1) R&D Division, Meiji Co., Ltd. 2) Ciyoda paramedical Care Clinic 3) Department of Women's Health, Tokyo Medical and Dental University
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