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- Osipitan O.A. Adigun J.A. Kolawole R.O. (2016) Row Spacing Determines Critical Period of Weed Control in Crop: Cowpea (*Vigna unguiculata*) as a Case Study. *Azarian Journal of Agriculture*, 3(5): 90-96.

Books:

- Cochran W.G. Cox G.M. (1957) *Experimental Designs*. John Wiley and Sons, New York.

Website:

- FAO. (2007) On-line crop database ECOCROP. URL: <http://ecocrop.fao.org/ecocrop/srv/en/cropSearchForm> [Accessed 27 March, 2016].

Conference paper:

- Brown J. (2005) Evaluating surveys of transparent governance. In UNDESA, 6th. Global forum on reinventing government: towards participatory and transparent governance. Seoul, Republic of Korea 24-27 May. United Nations: New York.

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- Trent J.W. (1975) Experimental acute renal failure. Ph.D. Dissertation, University of California. USA.

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