**GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS**

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The low cacao yields in Mexico, according to Avendaño *et al.* (2011) and Hernández-Gómez *et al*. (2015), are mainly because of the advanced age of plantations.

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Ogata N. (2003a)

Ogata N. (2003b)

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Turner, J. (1972). *Freedom to build, dweller control of the housing process.* New York: Macmillan.

Wang, P., Zhang, Y., Zhao, L., Mo, B., & Luo, T. (2017). Effect of gamma rays on *Sophora davidii* and detection of DNA polymorphism through ISSR Marker. *BioMed Research International 2017*, Article ID 8576404. doi: 10.1155/2017/8576404

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