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**Title: High quality assembly of the reference genome for scarlet sage, *Salvia splendens*, an economically important ornamental plant**

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