

Instructions for Authors

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Books: Bennet, S.S.R. 1986. *Name Changes in Flowering Plants*. Triseas Publ., Dehradun.

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