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E.g. Dubois, A. (2007a). Phylogeny, taxonomy and nomenclature: the problem of taxonomic categories and of nomenclatural ranks. *Zootaxa*, 1519: 27–68.

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