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Project: The Effects of Two Obesogenic Diets and a Green Rooibos Extract on Intracellular Fatty Acid Profiles and Metabolic Gene Expression in Rat Adipose Stem

Cells.

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Project: Immunoglobulin A and Tight Junction Protein Expression in the Colon of Type II

Diabetic Mice.

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Project: Investigating temporal changes in body composition and the role of HIV-related

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Project: Evaluating ACE and AGT gene polymorphisms contributing to hypertension in

an African population.

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Project: The effect of Afriplex GRT on Sestrin 2 associated signalling in the insulin

resistant hearts of rats.

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Project: Characterising an in vitro predictive hepatotoxicity model.

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Project: Epac activation in fatty acid induced endothelial dysfunction (ED) cell model: A

mechanistic approach.

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Project: Investigating the involvement of pro-inflammatory, cardiac damage, and endothelial dysfunction markers in the progression of tuberculosis to pulmonary arterial

hypertension.

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Project: The effects of MDMA (3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine) on human sperm

parameters.

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Project: Characterising an in vitro hyperglycemic cardiomyoblast model (HgC2) with GRT

and E1-CHA rooibos extracts.

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Project: Comparing the effects of Labetalol and Nifedipine on human sperm parameters

in vitro.

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Project: Investigating the effects of green rooibos (Aspalathus linearis) extracts on liver

antioxidant status in diet-induced obese male Wistar rats.

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Project: Investigating the involvement of oxidative stress and overall antioxidant status in

Rooibos induced cardioprotection.

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Project: Investigating the effects of Rooibos on mitochondrial bioenergetics and metabolism in a

cardiomyoblast model of angiotensin-II induced hypertrophy and apoptosis.

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Project: Investigating gender-based differences to anaesthesia and associated stress-

responses.