<u>Talpacoxa brandini gen. et sp. nov. a new Nannopodidae Brady, 1880 (Copepoda: Harpacticoida) from submersed sands of Pontal do Sul (Paraná, Brazil)more</u> by Paulo Henrique Corgosinho

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