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ANAT-Anatomy, Biochemistry and Physiology
BDMC-Biostatistics and Data Management Core
CCR-Center for Cardiovascular Research
CMB-Cell and Molecular Biology
DRB-Developmental and Reproductive Biology
IBR-Institute for Biogenesis Research
KCC-Kapiolani Community College
LCC-Leeward Community College
NHH-Native Hawaiian Health
PH-Public Health Sciences
QMC-Queen’s Center for Biomedical Research
TRMD-Tropical Medicine, Medical Microbiology and Pharmacology
UHCC-University of Hawai’i Cancer Center
WCC-Windward Community College

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