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 in litt. – in correspondence (in litteris)
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PALACKAL, T., FASO, L., ZUNG, J., VERNON, G. & WITKUS, R. (1984): The ultrastructure of the hindgut epithelium of terrestrial isopods and its role in osmoregulation. – Symposia of the Zoological Society of London **53**: 185–198.

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BURMEISTER, E.-G. (1990): Die Tierwelt der Moore. – In: GÖTTLICH, K. (ed.): Moor- und Torfkunde, pp. 29–49; Stuttgart (Schweizerbart).

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