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Guidelines for the determination of organic carbon and nitrogen stocks and their variations in mineral soils at field scale

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