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IMPROVED METHOD OF *IN VITRO* PRODUCTION OF *CYATHUS STERCOREUS* GASTROCARPS

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ABSTRACT

Cyathus stercoreus was induced to form gastrocarps in laboratory culture on manured wheat straw. Gastrocarps produced in culture exhibit little morphological variation from those obtained in nature and can be used to demonstrate splash dispersal and the structure and development of the funicular cord.

Key words: teaching, *Cyathus*, bird's nest fungi, cultivation, fruiting.