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Takeshita, N., & Fischer, R. (2011). On the role of microtubules, cell end markers, and septal microtubule organizing centres on site selection for polar growth in *Aspergillus nidulans*. *Fungal Biology*, 115, 506–517. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.funbio.2011.02.009>

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- Ribeiro, O. K. (1978). *A source book of the genus Phytophthora*. J. Cramer.
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- Succinate Dehydrogenase Inhibitor Working Group. (2020). General use recommendations (all crops). *FRAC recommendation for SDHI fungicides*. Fungicide Resistance Action Committee. Retrieved Aug 15, 2020, from <https://www.frac.info/frac-teams/working-groups/sdhi-fungicides/recommendations-for-sdhi>
- Phytopathological Society of Japan. (2020). *Common names of plant diseases in Japan* (Aug 2020, ed.) [In Japanese]. Phytopathological Society of Japan. <https://www.ppsj.org/pdf/mokuroku/mokuroku202008.pdf?0911>

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