



RESEARCH GRANT AGREEMENT NO. F/5785-1

Date: 2015-06-17

- (1) Grant: 11 000 USD
- (2) Chief Investigator: Mr Parash Mani TIMILSINA
- (3) Project: Screening of thermo-stable bacterial alpha-amylases for liquefaction of chlorella vulgaris biomass.
- (4) Institution: Kathmandu University Dhulikhel (Kavre), KATHMANDU, Nepal
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