

The Relationship Between Hibernation Temperature and Immune Competence in Big Brown Bats (*Eptesicus fuscus*)

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¹ The first author comments that if viewers understood everything by reading the title itself, then their curiosity might be satisfied to the point that they would not care to look at the rest of the work.