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Australian virologist. He shared a 1960 Nobel Prize for work on acquired immune tolerance, a state of suppressed immunity necessary for organ transplantation.

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n.

Any of several perennial plants of the genus *Sanguisorba* of the rose family, some species of which have edible leaves used in salads or sauces.

[Middle English, from Medieval Latin *burneta*, from Old French *brunete*, dark brown, diminutive of *brun*, brown, of Germanic origin; see **bher-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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