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and Inequalities in Health. 2nd ed. London: Academic Press; 1976; 165-78.

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Davidson EB. Treatment of mammary tumors in dogs and cats. In proceedings: North American Vaccine Conference. Orlando. USA; 2003; 1036-8.

Surana A, Vajpayee M, Wig N, Seth P. Spectrum of opportunistic infections among HIV infected North Indian patients. Poster Exhibition: The XIV International AIDS Conference: Abstract no. ThPeB7188.

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American Medical Association [homepage of internet]. Chicago: The Association; c1995-2002 [cited 2005 Apr 20].

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