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Reference to books

1. Zierski J (1980) Extradural, ventricular and subdural pressure recording. Comparative clinical study. In: Shulman K, Marmarou A, Miller JD, Becker DP, Hochwald GM, Brock M (eds) Intracranial Pressure IV. Springer, Berlin Heidelberg New York
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