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Kramer IRH, Pindborg JJ, Shear M. *Histological typing of odontogenic tumours* (2nd edn). Berlin: Springer Verlag, 1992.

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DelBalso AM, Ellis GE, Hartman KS, Langlais RP. Diagnostic imaging of the salivary glands and periglandular regions. In: DelBalso AM (ed). Maxillofacial imaging. Philadelphia, PA: WB Saunders, 1990, pp 409–510.

Abstract:

Mileman PA, Espelid I. Radiographic treatment decisions - a comparison between Dutch and Norwegian practitioners. J Dent Res 1986; 65: 609 (Abstr 32).

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Abood S. Quality improvement initiative in nursing homes: the ANA acts in an advisory role. Am J Nurs [serial on the Internet]. 2002 Jun [cited 2002 Aug 12];102(6):[about 3 p.]. Available from: <http://www.nursingworld.org/AJN/2002/june/Wawatch.htm>

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