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Vincent, J.F.V. (1992) *Biomechanics-material: a practical approach*. Oxford University Press.

Bhogal, B.S. (1989) Live vaccine for coccidiosis utilizing coccidial sporozoites. U.S. Patent 4804, 404.

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