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Chapter or Article in a Book

1. Bennett RA, Mader DR. 1996. Soft tissue surgery. *In* Mader DR (ed): *Reptile Medicine and Surgery*. WB Saunders Co, Philadelphia, PA:287-298.

Article in Journal

2. Schumacher J, Jacobson ER, Homer BL, Gaskin JM. 1994. Inclusion body disease in boid snakes. *J Zoo Wild Med*, 25(4):511-524.

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3. Lawton MPC. 2000. Reptilian ophthalmology. *Proc ARAV*, 197-202. Personal communication

4. Frye FL, DVM, MSc, FRSM. Personal communication. 1998. FL Frye and Associates, 741 Plum Lane, Davis, CA 95616.

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