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Unsicker K, Suter-Crazzolara C, Kriegstein K (1999) Neurotrophic roles of GDNF and related factors. In: Hefti F (ed) *Handbook of experimental pharmacology*, vol 134. Neurotrophic factors. Springer, Berlin Heidelberg New York, pp 189–224

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