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guide to the management of common illness. 3rd ed. Oxford : Blackwell Science ; 1998.

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- Online document  
Doe J. Title of subordinate document. In : The dictionary of substances and their effects. Royal Society of Chemistry. 1999.  
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