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2.5.1. Journals:

Agarwal A, Raza M, Dhiraaj S, Pandey R, Gupta D, Pandey Ck, et al. Pain during injection of propofol: The effect of prior administration of butorphanol. *Anesth Analg* 2004; 99(1): 117-119.

2.5.2. Books:

Murray PR, Rosenthal KS, Kobayashi GS, Pfaller MA. *Medical Microbiology*. 4th ed. Philadelphia: Mosby; 2002; 78-81.

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Morse SS. Factors in the emergence of infectious disease. *Emerg Infect Dis* [serial online] 1995 Jan-Mar (cited 1996 Jun5):1(1): [24 screens]. Available From: URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/EID/did.htm>.

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