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Cawson RA and Odell EN. *Essentials of Oral Pathology and Oral Medicine*. London: Churchill Livingstone, 1998.

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