



Guide to authors (AVMLS)

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- Shannon O & S Häfner, 2013. The Hitchhiker's guide to the blood system. Microbes and Infection 15:645-8.



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