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Title: Genetic Polymorphisms in Bone Morphogenetic Protein Receptor Type IA Gene predisposes individuals to Ossification of the Posterior Longitudinal Ligament of the Cervical Spine via the Smad signaling pathway

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