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7. Conclusion
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RL Ashley. In *Laboratory Diagnosis of Viral Infections*, 3rd ed., Marcel Dekker, New York, 1999; pp. 489-513.

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RJ David. PhD thesis, Edinburgh University (Edinburgh, UK, 1998).

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