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Sjaastad O, Fredriksen TA, Pfaffenrath V. Cervicogenic headache: diagnostic criteria. The Cervicogenic Headache International Study Group. *Headache.* 1998; 38(6): 442-445.

Chapter of a book:

Slater H. Vegetatives Nervensystem. In: van den Berg F, ed. *Angewandte Physiologie. Band 3. Therapie, Training, Tests.* Stuttgart: Thieme; 2001. Complete book:

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