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- Short communications
- Case reports or Case series
- Letters to the editor/Letter replies

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Books	Vaccaro AR, Albert TJ. <i>Spine surgery</i> . 2nd ed. Stuttgart: Thieme; 2009
Online source	Foley KM, Gelband H, editors. <i>Improving palliative care for cancer</i> . Washington: National Academy Press; 2001. Available from: <a href="http://www.nap.edu/books/0309074029/html/">http://www.nap.edu/books/0309074029/html/</a> . Accessed 2002 Jul 9

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