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Book

Wilkinson IB, Raine T, Wiles K, et al. *Oxford handbook of clinical medicine*. 10th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press; 2017. 123 p.

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Goldberg BW. Population-based health care. In: Taylor RB, Robin S, editors. *Family medicine*. 5th ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press; 1999. p. 32-36.

Website Cancer Research UK. Current research into breast cancer [Internet]. 2020 [cited 2022 Dec 14]. Available at: <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org>

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