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9 Lowry OH, Rosebrough NJ, Farr AL et al. Protein measurement with the Folin-phenol reagent. *J Biol Chem* 1951; 193: 265–275

10 Kerner W, Pfeiffer EF. The artificial pancreas. In: Samols E, ed. *The endocrine pancreas*. New York: Raven Press, 1991: 441–456

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