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2. Organization as author


3. Both personal authors and organization as author

4. No author given


5. Volume with supplement


6. Issue with supplement


7. Issue with special number


8. Type of article indicated as needed


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Chason KW, Sallustio S. Hospital preparedness for bioterrorism [videocassette]. Secaucus: Network for Continuing Medical Education; 2002.

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19. Dictionary entries


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