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 Garber RA, Morris JW 1983. General equations for the average power of exclusion for genetic systems of n codominant alleles in one-parent cases of disputed parentage. In: RH Walker (Ed.): *Inclusion Probabilities in Parentage Testing*. Arlington VA: American Association of Blood Banks, pp. 277-88.
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