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- 2) Lee MB, Liao SC, Lee YJ, et al : Development and verification of validity and reliability of a short screening instrument to identify psychiatric morbidity. J Formos Med Assoc 2003;102(10):687-694.

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