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5. International Organization for Standardization (2009) *Dentistry--Polymer-based restorative materials*. ISO 4049:2009, Geneva.
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