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3. Martinez AN, Talhali C, Moraes MO, et al. PCR-based techniques for leprosy diagnosis: from the laboratory to the clinic. *PLoS Negl Trop Dis.* 2014; 8: e2655.
4. Fan C, Li K, Ding Y, et al. ACE2 expression in kidney and testis may cause kidney and testis damage after 2019-nCoV infection. *MedRxiv.* 2020; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.02.12.20022418>. Preprint.

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NJ: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.; 2014. p.3-25

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1. Wei ZY, Qian HY. Myocardial injury in patients with COVID-19 pneumonia. *Zhonghua Xin Xue Guan Bing Za Zhi*. 2020;48: E006. Chinese.

2. Sato K, Takano A, Gaowa et al. Epidemics of tick-borne infectious diseases in Japan. *Med Entomol Zool*. 2019;70:3-14. Japanese.

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