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Davey DF. (2007) On-line submission of abstracts to the Australian Physiological Society. <http://www.AuPS.org.au/Proceedings/submission.html>

McCance I. (2001) *Proceedings of the Australian Physiological and Pharmacological Society*, **32(1)**: 2P.