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  - Top quality, peer-reviewed scientific research available at the pace of scientific discovery
- Updates occur as developments warrant, not only when they align with the next edition
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