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- 1 Kumar A, Patton DJ, Friedrich MG. The emerging clinical role of cardiovascular magnetic resonance imaging. Canadian Journal of Cardiology 2010; **26**(6): 313-22.

- 2 Calenoff L, Rogers L. Esophageal complication of surgery and lifesaving procedures. In: Meyers M, Ghahremani G, eds. Iatrogenic Gastrointestinal Complications. New York: Springer, 1981: 23-63.

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PREVALENCE OF BETA THALASSAEMIA IN MATARA – A HOSPITAL BASE STUDY

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