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2. Jones KM, Randtke EA, Yoshimaru ES, et al. (2017) Clinical translation of tumor acidosis measurements with acidoCEST MRI. *Mol Imaging Biol* 19:617-625.

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1. Delaney S, Grimaldi C, Houghton JL, Zeglis BM (2024) MIB Guides: Measuring the immunoreactivity of radioimmunoconjugates. *Mol Imaging Biol*, DOI: 10.1007/s11307-024-01898-x

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