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2. Murphy, Inside the Cell, 74.

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2. Cossons et al., *Milestones of Science*, 201.


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2. Geanie W. Morrison (member, Texas House of Representatives), in discussion with the author, February 2018.

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