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3. Bennett,M.V.L. and Spray,D.C. (1985) *Gap Junctions*. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, NY.

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