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1. Mizuno K, Ueda A. Changes in sucking performance from nonnutritive sucking to nutritive sucking during breast- and bottle-feeding. *Pediatr Res.* 2006;59:728–731

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2. Tildon JT, Roeder LM. Metabolic and endocrine aspects of SIDS: An overview. In: Tildon JT, Roeder LM, Steinschneider A (eds). *Sudden Infant Death Syndrome*. Academic Press, New York, 1983;243–262.

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