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- [3] Saitoh S. DNA-based diagnosis of Angelman syndrome and Prader-Willi syndrome (in Japanese). No To Hattatsu (Tokyo) 1993;25:501–7.

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Personal author(s)

- [4] Fenichel GM. Clinical pediatric neurology. A signs and symptoms approach. 2nd ed. Philadelphia: Saunders; 1993.
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- [5] Segawa M, editor. Hereditary progressive dystonia with marked diurnal fluctuation. Lancs, New York: Parthenon, 1993.

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- [6] Sarnat HB. Cerebral plasticity in embryological development. In: Fukuyama Y, Suzuki Y, Kamoshita S, Casaer P, editors. *Fetal and perinatal neurology*. Basel: Karger, 1992:118–131.
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