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4. Pickett KL, Sadowsky PL, Jacobson A, et al. Orthodontic in vivo bond strength: comparison with in vitro results. *Angle Orthod* [serial online] 2001 [cited 2001 Mar 27]; 71(2):[25 screens]. Available from: URL: <http://www.angle.org/anglonline/?request=index-html>.

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