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nistic mycoses and other less occurrent mycotic infections. Actinomycetes are also studied in this work that is accomplished by a chapter on culture media and routine serology procedures.

The Authors, also very associated to teaching in our country are praise worthy by publishing the new edition of this book with an antecipated deserved editorial success.

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