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Keywords
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Materials and Methods
Results
Discussions
Acknowledgments and References

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Acknowledgement: Acknowledgement should be brief and made for specific scientific, technological and monetary (grant) assistance.

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- **Reference – Conferences:** Mahajan, RC; Malla N; Stella M; and Ganguly NK 1995. Cysticercosis in India: Immunodiagnosis and Treatment. Paper presented at the Twelfth National Congress of Parasitology. Panaji, Goa, India, 23-25 January.
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