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terms of epidemiologic, metabolic, genetic and religious factors, and in relation to vitamin A deficiency, iron deficiency and thalassemia.
