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I am finishing my master in sport medicine, and after 3 years reading all kind of book about exercise physiology, this is the best one! Recomended!!!

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