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 Strunk, W., White, E.B., 1979. *The Elements of Style*, third ed. MacMillan, New York, NY.
 Gurman, A.S., Kniskern, D.P., 1981. Family therapy outcome research: knowns and unknowns. In: Gurman, A.S., Kniskern, D.P. (Eds.), *Handbook of Family Therapy*. Brunner/Mazel, New York, NY, pp. 742–775.

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