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**Susceptibility gene for non-obstructive azoospermia in the HLA class II region:
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Book.

Katz DH: *Lymphocyte Differentiation, Recognition, and Regulation*. New York, Academic Press, 1997

Chapter in a book.

Tongio M, Abbal M, Bignon JD, et al. ASH#18 : HLA-DPB1.

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