The Exploding Squid and Other Tales

Food patch test is reproducible, safe, and specific.

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The food patch test seldom adds information.

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