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- The role of colposcopy in modern gynecology** 269  
 S. Dexeus, M. Cararach, D. Dexeus - *Barcelona, SPAIN*  
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