Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence and overlap of sarcopenia, frailty, cachexia and malnutrition in older medical inpatients

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