Reviewer’s report

Title: Clinical and functional patient characteristics predict medical needs in older patients at risk of functional decline

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