Reviewer’s report

Title: Midwives' Experiences of Performing Maternal Observations and Escalating Concerns: a Focus Group Study

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Reviewer: Marianne Vidler

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