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Title: Antenatal depressive symptoms and early initiation of breastfeeding in association with exclusive breastfeeding 6 weeks postpartum: a longitudinal population-based study

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