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Title: Consistency of Supplied Food and Dentition Status of the Elderly in Residential Care Homes

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Oral health profile in an institutionalized population of Italian adults with mental retardation.

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