Reviewer’s report

Title: An in vitro study of the effect of 5-ALA-mediated photodynamic therapy on oral squamous cell carcinoma

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