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Title: Association between 20q12 rs13041247 polymorphism and risk of nonsyndromic cleft lip with or without cleft palate: a meta-analysis

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Reviewer: Aline Petrin

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