Reviewer’s report

Title: Efficacy of Chinese herbal medicine Zengru Gao to promote breastfeeding: a multicenter randomized controlled trial

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Reviewer: Luis Vitetta

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