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Title: Influence of response shift and disposition on patient-reported outcomes may lead to suboptimal medical decisions: A medical ethics perspective

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