Reviewer’s report

Title: Initial Development of Supportive Care Assessment, Prioritization and Recommendations for Kids (SPARK), a symptom screening and management application

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