Reviewer’s report

Title: The impact of patient advisors on healthcare outcomes: A systematic review.

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Reviewer: Chantal Backman

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