Reviewer’s report

Title: Venous thromboembolism and hyperhomocysteinemia as first manifestation of pernicious anaemia: report of four originals cases.

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Reviewer: Asma Taj

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Comments:

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Yes/No

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