Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessment of utilization pattern of fixed dose drug combinations in primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare centers in Nepal: A cross-sectional study

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