
Engineered HA hydrogel for stem cell transplantation in the brain: Biocompatibility data using a design of experiment approach.

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Scientific Abstract:

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