

**Protein-engineered injectable hydrogel to improve retention of transplanted adipose-derived stem cells.**

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