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Safety and efficacy of "hydro-fluorescein" technique in removing Tenon in pterygium surgery: a 1-year follow-up study

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