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* evidence supporting conclusions in the manuscript
* original research results
* contribution to advancing surgical knowledge
* significance to medical researchers, practitioners and researchers in other related ﬁelds of scientiﬁc, medical and health sciences

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