

EXPRESSION OF CONCERN

Expression of Concern: Distinct Characteristics of Circulating Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor-A and C Levels in Human Subjects

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We regret that this concern was not identified and addressed prior to the article's [1] publication.

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