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The diagnostic accuracy of lung auscultation in adult patients with acute pulmonary pathologies: a meta-analysis.

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Supplementary Appendix A – Search strategy

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