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The knowledge that glaucomatous patient have about their illness

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The excluded criterion was any ophthalmologic systemic disease.

Results and Conclusion: The work has not been concluded yet.