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Qualifications

Neurosciences, PhD, Expression and functional role of the solute carrier NCBE and the gap junction proteins connexin45 and connexin57 in the mouse retina, University of Oldenburg
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Research outputs

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