

Global burden of pain and global pain policy—creating a purposeful body of evidence

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1. Introduction

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