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Acupressure and Symptom Management in Supportive Oncology

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Abstract

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Keywords

Acupressure; complementary medicine; integrative health; symptom management; patient-reported outcomes; wellness; evidence-based practice

Introduction

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