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Aim and editorial policy

Revista Brasileira de Psiquiatria is a quarterly publication that aims to publish original manuscripts in all areas of psychiatry, including public health, clinical epidemiology, basic science, and mental health problems. Articles should be written in English.

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