

Ghost management: How much of the medical literature is shaped behind the scenes by the pharmaceutical industry?

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Abstract

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Abbreviations: CHC, Complete Healthcare Communications; CMD, Current Medical Directions; CRO, contract research organization; MECC, medical education and communication company

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